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METRO RAIL FINALLY UNLOCKED

Metro rail will be allowed to operate from Sept 7 in a graded manner, the Union Home Ministry said as part of its Unlock 4.0 prescriptions. A look at the other takeaways

THUMBS UP TO MASS EVENTS

Social/academic/sports/entertainment/cultural/religious/political functions and other congregations will be permitted with a ceiling of 100 people from Sept 21. Open air theatres can function from that day

RESTRICTED ACTIVITY IN SCHOOLS

While schools, colleges, educational and coaching institutions will continue to remain closed till September-end, the following will be allowed:

1. States may permit up to 50% of teaching and non-teaching staff to be called to schools at a time for online teaching/tele-counselling and related work
2. Students of Classes 9 to 12 may be permitted to visit schools if they are outside Containment Zones on a voluntary basis for taking guidance from teachers, subject to written consent of parents/guardians
3. Skill or entrepreneurship training permitted in National Skill Training Institutes, ITIs, etc

HIGHER EDUCATION SCENE

In higher education institutions, only for PhD scholars and PG students of technical and professional programmes requiring laboratory/experimental works can be permitted depending on case load in states and other factors

LOCKDOWN BAR ON STATES

State/UT governments shall not impose any local lockdown (state/district/sub-division/city/village level), outside containment zones, without prior consultation with Centre

Guest cap raised

Till Sept 20, marriage functions with guests up to 50 and funeral/last rites gathering up to 20 people to stay; cap to be raised to 100 after that

What hasn't changed

Cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres (excluding open air theatre) can't be opened. Also, no international air travel of passengers

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PLOY UNCOVERED

Border Security Force personnel at the site in J&K's Samba district where a major underground tunnel, originating in Pakistan, was detected • PTI | P10

China in mind, India opts out of multinational wargames in Russia

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN a last-minute decision, India on Saturday withdrew its contingent from a multinational military exercise, slated to be held in Russia in mid-September, because of Chinese and Pakistani participation.

A senior officer confirmed, "We have withdrawn from the Kavkaz 2020 strategic command post exercise, scheduled to be held in Astrakhan region, Russia, from September 15 to 26."

Given the ongoing Sino-Indian stand-off along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, New Delhi was reluctant to participate in a joint exercise with the Chinese and Pakistani troops, the source said.

For the record, the government attributed its decision to the pandemic and logistics. "In view of pandemic and consequent difficulties in exercise, including arrangements of logistics, India has decided not to send a contingent this year to Kavkaz-2020," the Defence Ministry said.

The decision came a week after India had confirmed the participation of its tri-services contingent of 178 troops — 140 from the Army, 36 of the Air Force and two from the Navy. The Army had planned to send troops of the Dogra Regiment, the Special Forces, Armoured, Mechanised, Artillery, Signals, Engineers and Army Air Defence.

In all, 12,500 troops from 18 countries, including Iran, Turkey, Syria, the Central Asian nations and all other SCO members are expected to participate in the wargames. China will send three naval frigates as well.

Centre looks to sweeten deal as oppn peaks

Govt issues clarification on GST dues, promises to keep borrowing cost low

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

EVEN as a clutch of states, including Kerala, Maharashtra and Punjab, rejected the Centre's twin borrowing options to meet states' revenue shortfall, the Union Finance Ministry on Saturday sought to hardsell its idea saying the Centre will ensure the cost remains affordable.

Promising to keep the cost not higher than the G-sec yield, the Finance Ministry offered to pay the difference if the cost inches up. It will bear the margin between G-secs and average of State Development Loan yields up to 0.5% through a subsidy, the ministry said.

However, the devil is in the detail. States planning to fix the entire revenue shortfall (due to GST implementation and pandemic) will have to borrow from the open market and bear the cost of interest.

On Saturday, the Finance Ministry wrote to all states and Union Territories clarifying that the special borrowing window will be available only for filling the GST shortfall. States that go for full borrowing will have to pay interest from their own resources, it added.

In the GST Council meeting on August 27, the ministry had estimated this year's GST shortfall at ₹3 lakh crore — ₹97,000 crore due to GST implementation and the rest because of the Covid-19 pandemic. With cess collection pegged at ₹65,000 crore, states may stare at a ₹2.35 lakh crore gap. The Centre listed out two options — borrow the entire shortfall or fill only the GST-induced shortfall.

The Finance Ministry also clarified that the Centre will pay the principal and interest on the borrowed amount from the compensation cess only if states opt for the first option.

In the second option, the Centre will only take care of the principal amount; states will have to bear the interest cost. It also said the borrowing programme has sufficient legislative backing.

How the two options will work

OPTION 1

- FinMin will allow a special window for states to borrow shortfall in revenues due to GST implementation (₹97,000 cr)
- Centre will ensure borrowing cost is not above the G-sec yield; if cost is higher, Centre will pay for the difference through a subsidy
- States can repay the entire borrowing from Compensation Cess proceeds; They won't have to depend on any other source

OPTION 2

- States can borrow the entire revenue shortfall of ₹2,35,000 crore (due to GST implementation plus Covid-impact) through the issue of market debt
- States are supposed to pay interest from their own resources, but the principal can be paid from proceeds of the Cess
- The borrowing will not be treated as debt to the extent of the shortfall (₹97,000 crore)

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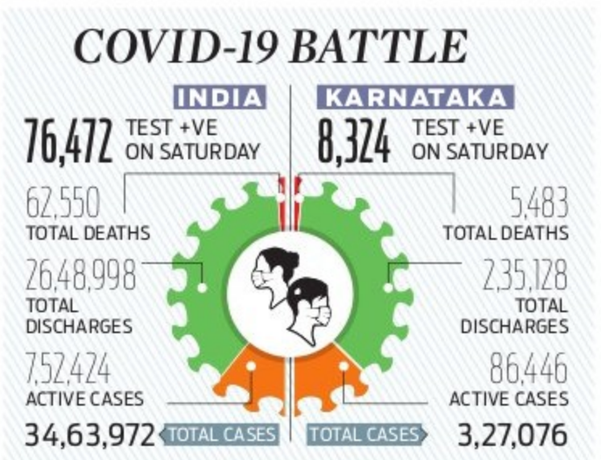

Covid-19 spreading to Karnataka's towns, villages. And fast!

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

AS Karnataka crossed the three-lakh mark in Covid-19 tally — a huge jump from 1.29 lakh positive cases in the beginning of the month — the virus seems to be spreading fast in small towns and villages. On Saturday, the state reported 8,324 new cases, taking the total to 32,7076.

Free movement of people after the easing of lockdown restrictions, reverse migration and increase in the number of tests have been attributed to the significant increase in cases in places like Shikaripura and Bhadravathi taluks in Shivamogga district, which saw a big jump and reported over 1,000 cases in August.

"People in villages, specially farmers, depend on Shivamogga city for purchase of seeds, fertilisers and equipment. When they visit crowded areas, they get infected and take back the virus to their villages. Tracing such people is a challenging task," Shivamogga District Health Officer Dr Rajesh Suragihalli told *The New Sunday Express*.

Dr C S Patil, Chief Medical Officer, Athani Government Hospital, Belagavi district, concurs. "Large sections of the population in most taluks and villages depend on nearby cities for business and marketing. As a result, frequent shuttling of the rural population between cities and villages has led to a rapid spread of Covid-19 into rural pockets," he said.

In Shivamogga district, total number of cases on August 1 was 1,842 which jumped to 7,848 in the last 29 days. During the same period, the number in Belagavi district increased to 11,719 from 3,449. The rise in positive cases was equally drastic in Yadgir — from 2,386 to 5,205; in Kolar from 1,364 t0 3,320 and in Gadag from 1,480 to 4,976. P4

Phase 2 vaccine trials start in Mysuru hospital

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

THE second phase trials for the Oxford-AstraZeneca-Serum Institute Covishield, claimed to be the most promising vaccine so far against the Novel Coronavirus, started at the JSS Hospital in Mysuru on Saturday, with five volunteers receiving the candidate vaccine shots.

The second phase is being carried out on healthy persons with priority being the safety of those who are administered the Covishield vaccine to record the reactions, allergies and also to take note of the beneficial effects. As part of the nationwide programme, the JSS Hospital in Mysuru is one among the 17 sites in India chosen by ICMR and Serum Institute of India for the trials. The ICMR will collect 100 samples from across the country for further study and look into modifications. The five who were administered the candidate vaccine will be under observation till September 29, after which it will be tried on more people. P4

About 150 countries are experimenting on vaccines for Covid-19. We will have some vaccine by December

— Dr B Suresh Pro-Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research

INTERVIEW

WE HAVE K-CET MODEL

Delay in conducting NEET and JEE will mean double the number of students competing for the same number of seats next year, says Dy CM Dr C N Ashwath Narayan P3

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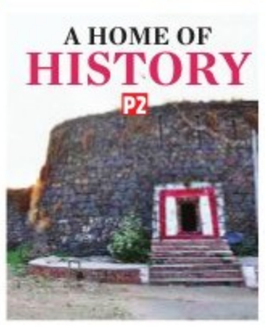

APPEAL TO PM

Save us from virus 'hangover': Wine merchants

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

WITH the fizz gone out of their business, the wine merchants, who have been urging the State government to allow them to reopen bars and restaurants, have now reached out to the Prime Minister.

Taking cognizance of the letter sent to the Prime Minister by the Federation of the Wine Merchants Association (FWMA), Karnataka, requesting him to allow the reopening of bars and restaurants "in entirety" in the State as was prior to the Lockdown-1, the Prime Minister's Office has directed Karnataka to respond to the wine merchants association's demand.

The PMO has written to the Chief Secretary to respond to the petitioner (Govindraj Hegde, principal secretary, FWMA) and upload the copy on the portal. The association has brought to the notice of the PMO that the Karnataka government has allowed sale of Indian Made Liquor (IML) but has not yet given permission for serving food along with IML in restaurants attached to the bar.

"In Karnataka, customers come to restobars and order for IML or beer along with food. This should be allowed in entirety as was before the lockdown, which was imposed on March 24," the FWMA letter stated.

The association has also drawn its notice regarding the change in business timings of liquor outlets in the State after they were re-opened in May.

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V G Desai

A HOME OF HISTORY

Chachadi Wade, a minor fort in Saudatti, is a splendid architectural monument

SUNIL PATIL @Belagavi

NAGARAJ Ishaprabhu Desai could have been just a farmer, albeit one who lived in an 800-year-old house with a history of being an administrative and military centre and a legacy of fighting the British. However, he chose not to keep this history confined to his family, and threw open the Chachadi Wade to the curious so that they could get a glimpse of the past.

The Chachadi Wade in Saudatti taluk is a minor fort built with stones and wood during the 12th century by Kartyaveera II, a ruler of the Ratta dynasty in the Belagavi region. Impressed with his commandant Veerappa Nayaka who killed a black panther, the ruler gifted him 30 villages. Veerappa Nayaka came to Saudatti in 1126 AD and divided the villages among his seven children, who settled in Belavadi, Ingalagi, Tallur, Gontmar, Mutwad, Chachadi and Rudrapur.

Although Belagavi district is dotted with wades, the one at Chachadi is one of the few that remain intact. Spread over five acres, the Chachadi wade is protected by two walls and the village by a third, earning it the moniker "Mooru Suttina Kote", meaning, the fort with three walls.

Under one of the two watchtowers, the Desai family – Veerappa Nayaka's descendants -- ran a granary. The other watchtower has temples to the Hindu trinity -- Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva. The watchtowers doubled as armouries, and the Desai family supplied arms to Babasaheb of Naragund, who fought against the British.

The British learned of this and decided to raid it. But the Desais who got wind of the plan, destroyed the ammunition before the British could lay their hands on it.

While all this is in the distant past, the life of Sardar Rao Bahadur Veerabhadrappa Gunappa Desai (1885-1969), Nagaraj's grandfather, is part of a more recent history.

British interference had eroded much of the Desai family's power, and Veerabhadrappa faced hardship in the early years of his life.

Due to his own difficulties in obtaining an education, and influenced by the ideas of his time, Veerabhadrappa strove to educate the children of his village. Having travelled to Sangli and Sawantwadi in present-day Maharashtra, he was influenced by Mahatma Phule, and used four acres of his land to set up a school in 1904.

In 1912, he started a school for girls. He also set up an agriculture school on three acres, and donated Rs 3,000 to establish the Karnataka College, probably the first in the state. He also redesigned the village's water supply system, which is still in use.

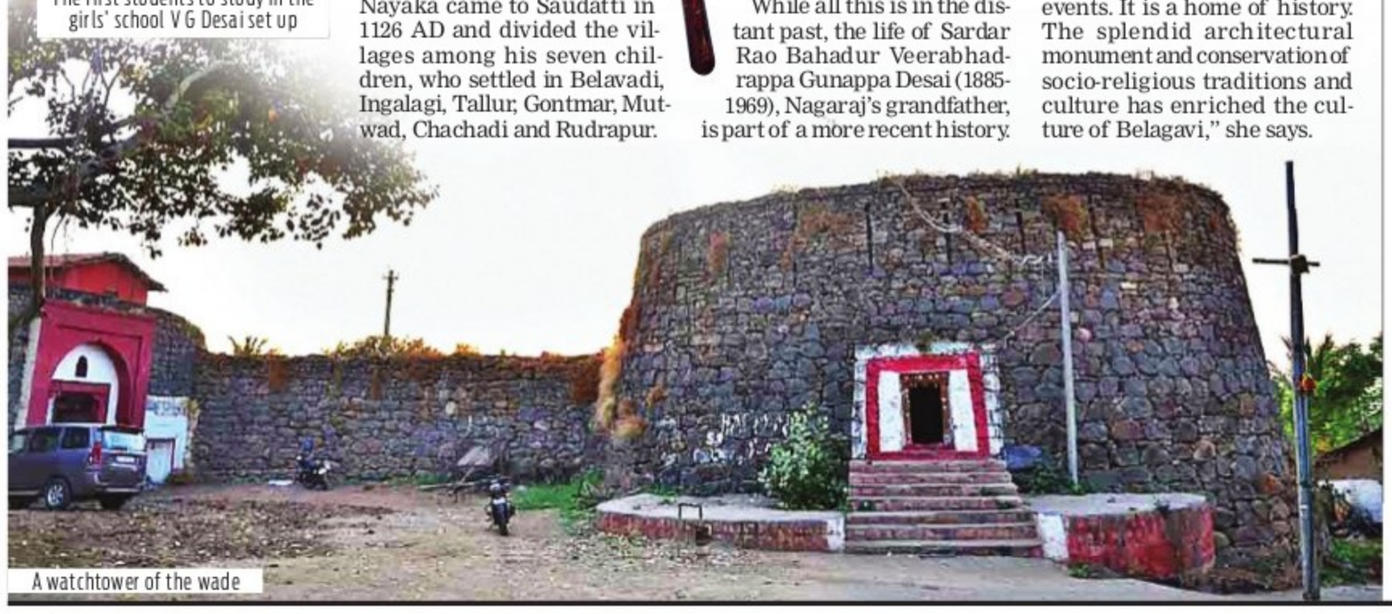
"I feel very lucky to be carrying forward the great legacy and rich heritage of my ancestors, but it is not an easy job," Nagaraj told The New Sunday Express. With funding from the Union Ministry of Culture, he and his brother set up the Sardar Veerabhadrappa Gunappa Desai Foundation two years ago through which the family runs a museum and conducts activities free of cost for farmers, villagers, and students.

"We will not be able to do this on a big scale, but I have a lot of respect for the past. Although we cannot enjoy the royalty that our ancestors got, society respects us," he says.

The wade and the Desai family history has been of great interest to history buffs, researchers, tourists and locals.

As a historian, Professor Smita Surebankar has visited the wade with her students and fellow historians. "Chachadi has witnessed many historical events. It is a home of history. The splendid architectural monument and conservation of socio-religious traditions and culture has enriched the culture of Belagavi," she says.

The first students to study in the girls' school V G Desai set up



A watchtower of the wade

A treasure house

At the centre is the main building, in front of which, was the chumni room where lamps to light up the entire village were kept. To the left, was a court hall, and in the backyard, a Jain basadi. At the second gate were cattle sheds and stables for elephants and horses, now converted into a museum displaying over 1,000 articles, including weapons, utensils, agricultural implements, music instruments, pottery, and documents.

Gourd! Bitter teasel fetches Malnad farmer sweet returns

Shankaramurthy and his wife Chandana at their farm in Shivamogga district

RAMACHANDRA V GUNARI @ Shivamogga

ANYONE who has visited the Malnad region will remember its green hills and arecanut palms -- and the heavy rains if they've been there in the monsoon. The monsoons have become increasingly unpredictable in recent years, threatening the region's agrarian economy and prompting many to seek alternatives to arecanut. And now, they are turning to the spiny wonder.

One such person is H C Shankaramurthy, a BCom graduate who worked as a stock broker in Shivamogga city for 20 years and decided to call it quits to return to his agricultural roots and look after his family land in Kuppalli village, Shivamogga district, full time.

But that choice was fraught with uncertainties and calculated risks, says Shankaramurthy. The decades-old enchantment with arecanut plantations has dwindled over the years, as the palms are plagued by disease for which there is no real solution. So he wondered if there was an alternative that could be more financially viable than an arecanut plantation that occupies most of 25-acre land.

On the suggestion of a friend, he decided to approach the Central Horticultural Experiment Station Chettalli (CHES, Kodagu district), for advice.

That's when he discovered teasel gourd the crop. Teasel gourd the vegetable, he had known his whole life -- it is popular among the Konkani-speaking community, it is used in festivals celebrated by Brahmins in the region, and there are stories about Balaji of Tirupati associated with the small, spiky vegetable.

Weighing the pros and cons, Shankaramurthy decided that teasel gourd – or maada hagalkayi in Kannada -- was a good bet. "Profits from arecanut are only once a year. That too is uncertain because of disease and the threat from ban on gutka (which has arecanut). But teasel gourd creepers have a cycle of one-and-a-half months from planting to harvest," he said.

"I planted the Assam variety in mid-February, on the guidance of horticulture scientist Dr Bharathi. By the first week of April, I had a yield. During the lockdown, I went around wherever there was local demand and sold my produce. Between April and the second week of August, I sold 200kg," Shankaramurthy told The New Sunday Express.

Each kilo fetched him between Rs 150 and Rs 200 – much higher than returns on other vegetable crops. In cities such as Bengaluru, profits can be double of that. There is good demand for the crop in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Uttara Kannada districts.

"With increasing health consciousness, more people are likely to consume the vegetable. Malnad's farmers can venture into teasel gourd cultivation as the climate here is suitable and it also has more commercial value," said Dr Nagarajappa Adivappar, horticulturist at University of Agricultural Sciences, Shivamogga.

To start with, Shankaramurthy planted 1,000 saplings of the female creeper and 100 of the male creeper on one acre. Dioeceius in nature, the teasel gourd requires pollination by hand.

For now, Shankaramurthy and his wife H C Chandana, an ayurvedic doctor, begin each day pollinating the creepers, so that they have a harvest by mid-October. And then, they will repeat the process again, for another crop, and another one after that.

FOR THE GOD

Devotees commonly put seeds of the teasel gourd into the hundi at the Tirumala Temple, believing that cash donations will not reach the God, but the seeds will. Powdered teasel gourd seeds are ground into the 'tilaka' that is applied to the idol of Balaji.

It is high in fibre and antioxidants and aids digestion. It is also good for people with diabetes. It also contains flavonoids such as beta carotene, lutein and zeaxanthin, that act as protective scavengers that keep one's skin healthy

Dr Bharathi, Horticulture scientist, CHES

WASTE TO ENERGY

CEMENT UNITS NOT INTERESTED IN CITY'S GARBAGE

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

BENGALURU scored miserably in the recent Swachh Sarvkeshan ranking and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has pulled up its socks to improve its image next year.

As the cement industries have once again refused to take processed waste from the city's wet waste processing units, the BBMP has now asked the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and the Chief Secretary to intervene.

Cement industries in Bidar, Raichur, Yadgir and Kalaburgi and other parts of north Karnataka have refused to take the waste, to be used as fuel for cement generation, from the BBMP, citing high transportation cost, despite the National Green Tribunal-appointed waste management committee's attempt to iron out issues between the industries and the BBMP a month ago.

D Randeep, BBMP Special Commissioner, solid waste management, told *TNSE* that as per the Extended Producer Responsibility and environment norms, cement industries have to take the processed waste, but since they have refused, the KSPCB and Chief Secretary's intervention has been sought.

According to BBMP records, 50,000 tonnes of processed legacy waste generated over three years, is already lying at the seven waste processing units.

Also, each day Bengaluru generates 500-600 tonnes of wet waste, of which 35-40% is turned into processed waste at the four functional wet waste processing units in Bengaluru. This amounts to around 250-300 tonnes of processed waste each day.

Both are polluting the environment and action needs to be taken before the NGT and Supreme Court questions us

KSPCB official

"The BBMP has said transportation cost should be borne by the industries, but the industry says transportation is a costly affair due to the distance. They also say the calorific value of the waste is not of optimum quality for the industry and would prefer to take it from nearer cities," said an NGT Committee member who sought anonymity.

KSPCB officials said they will question both the BBMP and industries. "Both are polluting the environment. Action must be taken before the NGT and Supreme Court question us," said an official.

Deer strays out of Turahalli forest, to be relocated to BNP

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE Forest Department rescued and rehabilitated a male spotted deer that had strayed out of Turrahalli State Forest (TSF) into urban areas, late on Friday night. This is the fourth such incident this week, and officials are now mulling over relocating more deer from TSF and Turrahalli Minor Forest (TMF) to Bannerghatta National Park.

Anthony S M, Bengaluru Urban Deputy Conservator of Forests, told TNIE that the deer had strayed out of the forest patch on Friday afternoon. The animal could not find its way back due to continuous vehicular movement on the road that cuts through the forest patch.

"We waited till late at night when there is little human movement before rescuing the deer. This has become a common activity for us now," he said.

Though no survey has been conducted, the deer population in TSF and TMF has gone up, beyond holding capacity. Even though a 100-metre buffer zone has been created around TSF and TMF, urbanisation is putting pressure on wildlife. The department seems to be fighting a losing battle against the hospitals, apartments and the proposed Abhiman studio (Vishnuvardhan samadhi) coming up in the area.

Officials have also deployed special teams to keep a watch on animals that stray outside the forest, as well as to keep an eye out for any encroachments and poachers.

"There is a need for intensified protection of this essential lung space, which is why we are contemplating relocating some of the animals," Anthony added.

BDA plans to develop 2 city lakes

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THE Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has decided to develop two lakes — Komaghatta and Chikkabanavara — as well as create new roads and upgrade others in some of its layouts.

A meeting on Friday evening saw the BDA Commissioner pushing for the completion of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout before December 2021, as mandated by the Real Estate Regulatory Authority. "The commissioner was asked to take up pending works on roads and drains in its layouts, in phases," said an official. Roads in Banashankari Stage-4, Anjanapura and JP Nagar are in poor shape and need to be renovated urgently, the official said, adding that sewage in both Komaghatta and Chikkabanavara lakes will be cleared too.

HOLY MOTHER

Devotees pray outside St Mary's Basilica on the first day of St Mary's Feast at Shivajinagar in Bengaluru on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

'Avani' begins tunnelling from Shivajinagar station

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NEARLY four weeks after the first tunnel boring machine – Urja — started drilling from Cantonment Metro Station to Shivajinagar Metro Station, the second machine, Avani, got on the job on Friday.

According to a senior Metro official, Avani began tunnelling at 4 pm from Shivajinagar to the MG Road station, a distance of 1,100 metres.

Four TBMs, imported from China, are being deployed to create the Underground Corridor of the Nagawara-Gottigere Line (Reach-6) of Namma Metro's Phase-II.

The 13.9-km corridor runs from South Ramp near Jayanagar fire station to North Ramp near Nagawara Underground Metro Station with 12 underground stations. Two tunnels are set to be created with each running to 10.37 km.

The third TBM – Lavi – will start work in October in the same direction. Lavi and Urja will both reach Vellara junction. Urja has so far completed drilling around 20 metres with the first ring made on hard rock recently. The fourth TBM — Vindhya — will also tunnel from Cantonment to Shivajinagar.

Additional five TBMs will be bought to complete the corridor. The 12 UG stations of Reach-6 are Diary Circle, Lakkasandra, Langford, Vellara, MG Road, Shivajinagar, Cantonment, Pottery Town, Tannery Road, Venkateshpura, Arabic College and Nagawara.

Administrative and legal reforms are being undertaken to implement the National Education Policy, Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan said on Saturday

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'WE'VE K-CET MODEL TO CONDUCT NEET, JEE'

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
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WITH examinations for senior students at the centre of debates across the country and Karnataka already conducting exams for both younger and senior grades, Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, who is also the Higher Education Minister, reasons why NEET and JEE should not be postponed, and degree classes should start offline from October 1. Excerpts:

Why should JEE-NEET not be postponed?
Any further delay in conducting them would mean an inordinate delay of the academic year for engineering and medical colleges. It would effectively mean twice the number of students competing for the same seats next year, along with a year-long disruption in hiring by healthcare and engineering companies. The country's development heavily relies on the educational advancement and prosperity of our children and these exams directly impact that. I would like to advise all those seeking postponement that they should not play with the future of our children. I suspect something fishy; maybe certain invisible groups want seats allocated through an 'opaque system', rather than on merit.

How are you going to convince parents and teachers, considering the Covid scare?
I would like to cite the example of Karnataka-Common Entrance Test (K-CET) which we conducted on July 30-31 when Covid-19 cases were spurting in the state. It was a success story which proves that JEE and NEET too can be conducted in a similar manner without exposing our students to harm.

What are the steps the government is taking to conduct JEE and NEET in September?
Arrangements made for K-CET will be used for JEE-NEET as well. There is no need to be scared of Covid. Stringent standard operating procedure and guidelines by the health department and UGC will be adhered to. With proper planning, coordination and precaution, CET was conducted, which saw about 1.75 lakh students. We even allowed 63 Covid-positive students to appear. I visited a few of these students at the GKVK Covid Care Centre and I was amazed by their spirit.

Just days after NEET and JEE, degree students will come for offline classes.

> The country's development heavily relies on the educational advancement and prosperity of our children and NEET-JEE directly impact that
>
> Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, DyCM and Higher Education Minister

We have decided to set the ball rolling on all academic activities from next month as we need to conduct a few degree exams in September. We are awaiting detailed guidelines from the Centre, and have made preparations as per UGC guidelines.

Q&A
C N ASHWATH NARAYAN

What was the thought behind deciding the date for degree classes?
The reason for deciding October 1 is two-fold: The end-semester and backlog exams for final-year students would be over by then and institutions would have adequate time to prepare for offline classes. The health department-issued SOP will be followed and we are also waiting for UGC guidelines.

Hundreds of hostels are being used as Covid Care Centres (CCCs). How do you plan to make students use these hostels again?
We have the BIEC Covid Care Centre which can house 5,000 patients and every district too has CCCs. Before starting classes, new patients will be sent to other facilities, and hostels will be fumigated and sanitised before allowing students in.

There is panic among parents and students over Covid cases.
Parents and students should move ahead, but follow Covid norms. The teaching and administrative staff will be in touch with them. It is natural for parents and students to have some fear. The pandemic will not go away in the next few months as a vaccine is at least a year away.

Is the government forming a special SOP for final semester exams?
We already have the K-CET SOP and it will be followed for these exams too. Covid-positive students will be allowed to appear in separate rooms at district Covid Care Centres.

2 staffers test +ve, BJP defers meet

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THE BJP state unit has postponed the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for Sunday after two staffers at the party office tested Covid positive. It also cancelled an event on Saturday where the BJP fact-finding team headed by MLA Aravind Limbavali was to submit a report on the DJ Halli violence to state party president Nalin Kumar Kateel.

Sources said all events at the party headquarters on Saturday and Sunday were postponed and office premises were sanitised on Saturday. CM BS Yediyurappa, Kateel and other senior leaders were scheduled to attend the Executive Committee meeting.

GST SHORTFALL

Siddu wants all-party team to go to Delhi

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OPPOSITION Congress and the Janata Dal (Secular) leaders hit out at the Central government over delay in giving the GST compensation to the states.

Opposition Leader in the Assembly Siddaramaiah suggested the State Government take an all-party delegation to New Delhi to demand states' share, while JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy said states are in dire straits due to the Centre's failure to manage the situation.

The government must put pressure on the Centre, insist on its share and not resort to borrowings, he said and added 15th Finance Commission has done injustice to the State, GST compensation is not coming, the economy is not doing well, unemployment is a major concern and in such situation if the state resorts to borrowing to pay government employees' salaries, development activities will take a hit.

Kumaraswamy took a dig at the Centre for terming crisis arising out of Covid-19 pandemic as an unforeseen "act of God". In a series of tweets, the former CM accused the Centre of shirking its commitment towards GST with respect to states. "The Centre has placed two options before states. They can opt for borrowing either the GST shortfall amount of Rs 97,000 crore or borrow the entire revenue gap of Rs 2.35 lakh crore that has arisen due to GST shortfall as well as Covid-19 situation," he said.

Central team to visit state, review flood damage

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A team of senior officers from the Central Government will visit flood-hit areas in the State to assess the damage caused by heavy rains and floods. A senior official from the State Disaster Management Department told *TNSE* that the team was expected to visit Karnataka early next week. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is expected to visit New Delhi to seek funds for taking up flood relief works after the central team's visit.

The recent office memorandum from Disaster Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, said a team of six officers, including those from the Home Department, Finance, Agriculture, Jalshakthi and Rural Development will do a detailed assessment of the damage and recommend final allocation of funds.

Last week, Yediyurappa had stated that he would visit Delhi soon to seek funds from the Centre. Sources from the CMO said Yediyurappa is expected to fly to Delhi after flood damage assessment by the central team. "He will carry the report and meet the concerned ministry in Delhi," sources said.

In all, 43,827 hectares of agricultural land and 48,696 hectares of horticultural land have been damaged. The government is yet to make a final assessment of the damage caused.

The State's latest assessment has put the loss due to monsoon fury close to Rs 10,000 crore. In a video conference with the Prime Minister recently, State Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Revenue Minister R Ashoka, based on the initial assessment of the damage, had sought Rs 4,000 crore financial assistance.

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> Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will carry the report and meet the ministry concerned in Delhi
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03	Technical Bid opening on	16.09.2020 (Wednesday) at 11.00 AM
04	Financial Bid opening on	16.09.2020 (Wednesday) at 5.00 PM

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06. Revised date of submission & opening of tender:- Up to 14:00 hrs or before on 30/9/2020 and will be opened by him/her in his/her office at 15:00 Hrs. on 30/9/2020.

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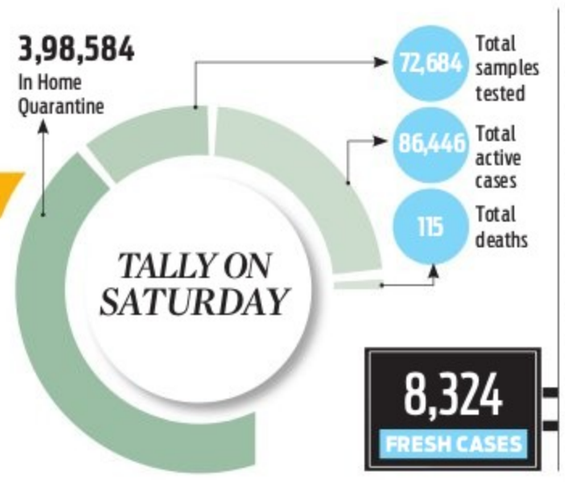

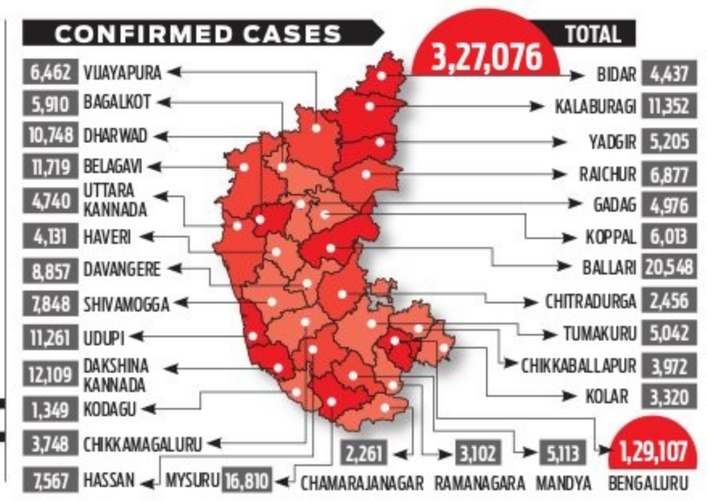

COVID SURGE? BLAME IT ON SHODDY TESTING

Experts say indiscipline, lack of sero-survey also to blame; point out that people neither follow guidelines nor seem to care

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IT is not just high number of testing, but the manner in which the tests are being conducted, indiscipline among people and lack of sero-surveillance that have contributed to the jump in Covid-19 cases every day in the state, say experts.

The state's tally stood at 3,27,076 as on Saturday evening. It recorded its first Covid-19 case on March 8, even as its positivity rate shot up from a negligible 2 per cent in the initial stages to over 12 per cent now.

Dr Giridhar R Babu, Head of the Lifecourse Epidemiology, Public Health Foundation of India, and a member of the Karnataka expert committee, pointed out that the sharp rise in Covid -19 numbers cannot be attributed to higher testing alone.

"There are other multiple reasons which cannot go unnoticed. For instance, with the unlock phases coming into effect, people are moving about and socialising more, leading to the infection spread," Dr Babu added.

Dr S Sachhidanand, Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, and a member of the clinical expert committee, said that people have not been following the prescribed etiquette and continue to remain ignorant of the Covid-19 situation.

"In March, when Covid hit Karnataka, we didn't know what to do. But it's been five months now, and yet people do not follow the Covid etiquette and do not seem to care. We need to be cautious and safe. If tested positive, one needs to tell the health department about their travel history to be able to trace other contacts. But many fail to do. More awareness campaigns are needed," he said.

A Pourakarmika gives her sample for a Covid-19 test in Bengaluru | MEGHANA SASTRY

Randeep D, Public Health In Charge, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, said, "There is a lack of discipline in wearing masks, and maintaining social distancing and hand hygiene. It is noticed that there are large gatherings for non-essential work and there is an increase in inter-district and interstate movement which has also led to an increase in cases."

Dr Babu pointed to the faulty way in which the tests are being conducted. The focus should be on high-risk and symptomatic patients. But tests are rampantly being carried out on asymptomatic patients and when they test positive, the numbers jump, he added.

He said that a lack of sero-surveillance also makes keeping tabs on the susceptibility of the population to Covid-19 infection difficult.

Sero-surveillance measures levels of antibodies against the infection, determining the size of the population previously exposed to the virus. It also exposes immunity levels among the people to better treat those who require treatment the most.

Dr CN Manjunath, Director, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, and a nodal officer for testing in the state, said, "In Karnataka, the peaking has not yet begun, which is also the reason for cases to increase. However, we expect Covid numbers to peak late September and flattening of the curve by October."

A health worker looks at a Covid sample in Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR T

Cancer patients' Covid recovery surprises docs

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Tumakuru

AS many as 12 cancer patients have recovered from Covid-19 at the designated hospital here, much to the surprise of doctors.

A 75-year-old person with lung cancer and a 40-old lymphoma patient are among those who were discharged after successfully recovering from Covid. Physicians who treated these patients, after careful observation, are all set to study the factors that aided their recovery.

"A 60-year-old woman with metastasis has recovered and a 40-year-old who had completed chemotherapy at Kidwai Institute of Oncology in Bengaluru recovered too," said Dr Yashwanth T L. "An 80-year-old with urinary bladder cancer - Urothelial carcinoma - who was on non-invasive ventilation is among those who have been cured," he added.

Oncologist (radiation) Dr Raveendra, who works at HCG Cancer Centre in Bengaluru and also visits the district hospital here as a consultant, said, "Cancer patients are likely to have the same level of immunity as regular patients, unlike those with uncontrolled diabetes and other complications."

Patients to be moved out of hostels

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HOSTELS were among buildings that were converted into Covid Care Centres (CCCs), and from the beginning, college administrators were worried about Covid patients being admitted in these centres and the possible risk to students when they return.

Now that offline classes are set to begin from October 1, the government is contemplating shifting patients from these centres to bigger accommodations. With final-year examinations due in September, Bengaluru North University Vice-Chancellor T D Kemparaju told TNIE that they have approached the government for freeing up the hostels for students.

Sources said that Higher Education Secretary Ramana Reddy has assured college heads and administrators that he would write to Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan on the issue. However, Reddy himself was not available for comments.

Dr Ashwath Narayan told TNIE that new Covid patients will be directed to facilities that are exclusively for them, and that hostels will be sanitised and fumigated before use.

Bangalore University Vice-Chancellor K R Venugopal said that shifting of Covid patients and sanitisation work should be completed by September 5. Following this, final-year students will have 10 days of offline classes before examinations.

Vasudev, from the Students' Federation of India, said that they had approached CM B S Yediyurappa in June, requesting that hostels not be used for Covid purposes, but in vain.

In July, students of Bangalore University were asked to vacate their hostels, which were converted into Covid Care Centres | EXPRESS

> **Shifting of Covid patients and sanitisation work should be completed by September 5. Following this, final-year students will have 10 days of offline classes before examinations**
>
> KR Venugopal, Vice Chancellor of Bangalore University

NEW MILESTONE

72K tests conducted in a day, highest so far

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THE state on Saturday conducted the highest number of tests on a single day so far, at 72,684, taking the total to 27,85,718. Positive cases continued to cross the 8,000 mark, with 8,324 contracting the virus on the day, bringing the tally to 3,27,076.

With 115 fatalities, the toll now stands at 5,483. As many as 8,110 patients walked out of hospitals, with the total discharges now at 2,35,128.

Dr C N Manjunath, nodal officer for testing, attributed the spike in cases recently to the high number of testing which has helped them track more Covid patients. "The state is conducting 65,000-70,000 tests every day. If this wasn't done, many cases would have stayed hidden, resulting in more spread of infection, he said, adding that some states are carrying out just 5,000-10,000 tests per day. "Karnataka is doing well in terms of testing and tracking down cases."

Bengaluru Urban recorded the majority of positives with 2,993 and 25 deaths. Next came Ballari with 468 cases, followed by Shivamogga (333), Hassan (325), Davanagere (319) and Mysuru (309).

Need to study lifespan of antibody, says expert

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ACCORDING to JSS authorities, the call for volunteers had received an overwhelming response despite scepticism. Of the respondents, 250 healthy volunteers have been lined up for the trials.

Dr B Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, told TNSE that some sort of treatment for Covid-19 should be available by December.

The third phase of the research, which includes authorisation for the vaccine and its marketing, will start immediately. In the fourth phase, the recipients of the vaccine will be tracked and monitored to study any adverse effects. The volunteers will be monitored for a year as per regulations, during which time they have been told to be careful since side-effects may arise even after a year or two.

Taking the examples of polio and smallpox vaccinations, which have a life-long effect, Dr Suresh said there is a need to study how long the antibodies against Covid-19 remain active in a person.

"About 150 countries are experimenting on vaccines for Covid-19. We will have some vaccine by December," he added.

Dr Suresh also revealed that their clinical research unit is also hosting trials for the BCG vaccine. This is being conducted with volunteers aged 60-80, to check whether it offers protection from other diseases too.

COVID WATCH

Shivamogga district records 244 +ve cases

Shivamogga: The district reported 244 new Covid positive cases, 285 discharges, and three deaths on Saturday. The total active cases in the district rose to 1,577 and total number of deaths to 123. Shivamogga taluk recorded the highest number of cases with 125 followed by 58 cases from Bhadravathi, 35 from Shikaripura, four from Tirthahalli, nine from Soraba, four from Hosanagara, five from Sagar and four cases from other districts recorded. **ENS**

'Rural areas saw surge with city returnees'

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KALABURGI district, which reported the first Covid-19 death in the country, has conducted the highest number of Covid-19 tests after Bengaluru, said in-charge District Health Officer Dr Rajashekhar Mala. On August 1, the district had 5,529 cases, which doubled to 11,352 on August 29.

"We can treat and cure them. It would be more worrisome if the cases were not tested and the number of casualties goes up due to comorbidity. Of the total 204 Covid deaths in the district, over 170 deaths are due to comorbidities," he pointed out.

It is the same scenario in most towns and villages of the state. Health Department officials said Covid cases in rural areas, which were initially untouched by the pandemic, have started witnessing a surge after people from Bengaluru and other high-prevalence cities and states started returning to their native villages and towns.

As normalcy returned, apprehensions over contracting the virus slowly disappeared, and it was also not easy for the already stretched government machinery to enforce preventive measures or take up awareness drives with the same zeal as during the lockdown.

"Only 5 per cent of people in villages wear masks, or follow social distancing norms. And, compared to urban areas, the number of tests conducted in the rural areas is not much," said a doctor working in Dharwad district. "The actual numbers of positive cases will be much higher as people do not come forward to get themselves tested even if they have symptoms," he said.

The floating population is the main reason behind the Covid-19 spread in villages in Dharwad district. Every day, hundreds of people visit the twin cities of Hubballi and Dharwad from villages for various purposes. Dr Laxmikant Lokare, community medicine expert at KIMS, said use of masks and social distancing are not being followed in the villages.

Late reporting has been another major concern across the state, including in Bengaluru, and this is considered as the major cause for mortality.

Additional Chief Secretary to the Health and Family Welfare Department, Jawaid Akhtar, however, insists that adequate number of tests are being conducted in rural areas and it is because of an increase in testing that a rise in positive cases is reflected.

The total number of tests in the state went up from 13,85, 552 on August 1 to 27,85718 on August 29. This includes 801723 Rapid Antigen Tests. While testing is being ramped up, the Health Department is also planning to take up another round of survey. "One more round of house-to-house survey is being taken up to identify people with symptoms and get them tested," Akhtar said, adding that a similar exercise conducted in the state earlier was more comprehensive in rural areas.

"(We have to) accept the current scenario and people need to be responsible for themselves. Benefits of freedom come with some responsibilities and one has to be careful and responsible," said Dr M K Sudharshan, who heads the technical committee for Covid, constituted by the State Government. "Infection will spread and there is no reason to panic."

He added that movement of people after lockdown norms were eased is the major reason for the spike in cases in rural areas and adequate facilities like Covid Care Centres (CCC) and Covid Hospitals have been created to handle the situation.

Though facilities are created, convincing people to take tests early is still a big challenge, and delays in getting the test results is also a concern. In Kolar, 40 per cent of the 3,102 cases as on Wednesday last were from Kolar town, but people were not coming forward to get tested even if they have symptoms like fever and cough.

District Health Officer Dr Vijaya Kumar said they have been appealing to people to take tests voluntarily as it helps contain the spread.

"Early testing, early results and early hospitalisation are necessary. We cannot curb activities or impose restrictions," Dr Sudharshan surmised.

A worker sanitises the headquarters of Mysuru Urban Development Authority | EXPRESS

REASONS FOR SPIKE

- Movement of people after lockdown norms were lifted
- Visiting crowded places and markets in nearby towns, villages
- Not following guidelines
- Reluctance to undergo tests

WHAT IS BEING DONE

- Door-to-door survey across the state, including rural areas
- Ramping up testing
- Convincing people to take tests
- Primary Health Centres converted into fever clinics with mobile teams attached to them

COASTAL DISTRICTS BUCK THE TREND

In a marked departure, Covid-19 has not penetrated much in rural areas of the coastal region. Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts have been witnessing a surge in Covid-19 cases since the start of the pandemic, but the rural areas and small towns of the region have not been affected much and it is mostly the district headquarters of Mangaluru and Udupi which are badly hit. Over 70 per cent of the cases reported so far in Dakshina Kannada are from Mangaluru city. Of the 12,100-odd cases reported so far, 8,500 cases are from Mangaluru, 2,000 from Bantwal, 500 from Belthangady, 750 from Puttur and 200 from Sullia. Sources in the health department said the rural parts in the coastal region are not affected much because of the widely dispersed villages where human-to-human contact is minimum, unlike in other parts of the state that have nucleated villages with houses located close to each other.

(With inputs from district bureaus)

Suspend Vidyagama immediately: Horatti

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

FORMER education minister and MLC Basavaraj Horatti has written to the government to suspend its ambitious 'Vidyagama' project for an indefinite period, citing the fear of Covid-19 transmission.

In a letter to Minister for Primary and Secondary Education S Suresh Kumar and marked to the Department of Public instruction, Horatti said the Vidyagama scheme, through which the government has been imparting education to school students during the pandemic, should be immediately suspended as several teachers have tested positive for Covid-19.

Horatti referred to several reports to claim that even students participating in the Vidyagama scheme had tested positive. This comes days after the government directed teachers in the state to gather all local children in a pre-earmarked area, generally a house, and impart them education physically.

Horatti said this provided huge scope for the virus to transmit from one student to another or from the infected teacher to all the students or vice versa.

"I request you to lay special emphasis on the lives of students, their parents and teachers, and suspend Vidyagama until the atmosphere becomes conducive enough to conduct such classes," Horatti stated.

He also demanded suitable compensation for two teachers from Belagavi who died because of Covid-19.

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>
> MLC Basavaraj Horatti

As a tribute to Mahendra Singh Dhoni, the Karnataka Postal Circle has released a special cover to honour him. While the move to mark the National Sports Day with covers to honour 11 Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna awardees from 2017 to 2020 was planned earlier, the cover on Dhoni was added to honour him after his resignation from ODIs.

TO MARKET...

BBMP workers mark the space to be maintained by customers, at KR Market in Bengaluru on Saturday, which is preparing to reopen on September 1 | MEGHANA SASTRY

Kidnapped 11-yr-old rescued in 16 hours

Abductors' car topples during chase, policemen fire, injure prime accused on Shampura Main Rd

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IN a dramatic incident, the Bharathinagar police went hot on the trail of a gang of kidnappers and rescued a 11-year-old boy after a 16-hour operation.

A senior police officer said that around 6 pm on Friday, the boy was playing alone in front of his house on Thimmaiah Road when the prime accused Mohammed Zain and his associates Faheem, Muzzamil, Faizan, Mohammed Shahid and Kaleel allegedly kidnapped him. The boy's parents were shopping in Commercial Street at that time. The father runs a textile business.

On returning, the parents frantically looked for the boy and informed the police when they did not find him. Around 1 am, the boy's father got a call from the accused, who demanded a ransom of Rs 2 crore to release the boy.

Soon, five teams were formed from the East Division police. They tracked the accused to Tumakuru based on mobile phone tower locations. Another team scoured CCTV footage which showed two people speaking to the boy before he was kidnapped. Among the duo was Hasheem. The police team, posing the boy's parents, reached Tumakuru and contacted the kidnappers. However, the accused tried to escape. Police chased them for 15 km before the accused's car toppled on to some agricultural land. The police nabbed four of the abductors and rescued the boy.

Another team nabbed Zain and his accomplice from Shampura Main Road on Saturday. However, Zain tried to attack police constable Ujjana Gowda. Police Inspector Anand Naik shot Zain in the right leg and nabbed him.

Police said Zain is a regular customer at the shop of the boy's father. He saw that the father doing good business and hatched a plan to kidnap him. After collecting details about the family, they found the boy was fond of kites. They lured him with a kite before offering him a drink spiked with a sleeping pill in the car and took him to Tumakuru.

GRAB AND RUN

JULY 2020
Madanayakanahalli police arrested a gang of four men for kidnapping a boy and demanding a ransom of ₹20 lakh.

JANUARY 2020
Cottonpet police arrested a man for allegedly kidnapping a minor boy. Inspired by crime shows, the accused hatched the plan and demanded a ransom of ₹30 lakh

DECEMBER 2019
A 13-year-old boy was kidnapped and the abductors allegedly demanded a ransom of ₹50 lakh. Police had to open fire at the accused

JANUARY 2018
A man on a two-wheeler kidnapped a 5-year-old boy and demanded ₹35 lakh as ransom in KP Agrahara

Indrajit to give cops info on drug abuse in filmdom

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Central Crime Branch police have asked Sandalwood film maker Indrajit Lankesh to appear before them on August 31 and share information about alleged drug abuse by some actors in the Kannada film industry.

On Thursday, the Narcotics Control Bureau, Bengaluru zone, had busted a drug trafficking racket in the city in which the agency said some "prominent actors and musicians in Bengaluru were involved."

Speaking to *TNSE*, Indrajit said that some "young, upcoming actors" are hooked to substance abuse. He cited some examples but did not give out any names. "A few months back, some boys got into a car at UB City and drove towards Ashoka Pillar in Jayanagar. After the car hit the pillar, the occupants abandoned the vehicle and fled. The police found contraband drugs in the vehicle, but there was no further investigation.

"In the KPL betting scam, the police found the role of some young Sandalwood actresses who are from outside the state, in honey-trapping the cricketers. The then police commissioner had told the press that there could be a drug angle. There was no further information in the case," said Lankesh.

He said the cause of death of 39-year-old Sandalwood star Chiranjeevi Sarja was not known and alleged that there was "pressure on the doctors from some powerful people/politicians" not to conduct any autopsy to establish the cause of Chiranjeevi's death.

Lankesh said he is willing to co-operate and "share information with the police in the larger interest of upholding the name and sanctity of the Kannada film industry. "Let's be clear, not everyone is doing drugs in the film industry", he stressed.

BMRCL to approach MoHUA to restart services from Sept 7

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Metro is ready to start operations from September 7 and Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited will write immediately to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) seeking its approval, said BMRCL Managing Director Ajay Seth on Saturday.

Seth told *The New Sunday Express*, "BMRCL is keen to start operations and with Unlock 4.0 guidelines, MoHUA has created a window. We will approach the ministry, seeking permission to start the services in accordance with its guidance and SOP to be prescribed."

Thermal scanners have been readied to check the temperature of passengers at the entrance of stations and stickers have been put up in all trains and its 40 stations to mark the space to be maintained by passengers while waiting for trains or travelling, a senior official said.

BMRCL also announced that only travel cards will be allowed to travel on trains, and recommended that passengers download the Aarogya Setu app.

It will strictly allow only 300 to 350 passengers per train, instead of 1,800 commuters who could travel before March 22, officials said.

Before the onset of the pandemic, BMRCL saw a daily average ridership of 4.5 lakh commuters on both its Green and Purple lines on workdays with the figure dipping during the weekends.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ,
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08262 – 220936, ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ನಂ.: 08262 – 221936 E-mail: zpedckm@rediffmail.com
ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08/ಸಅ–1/2019–20 (3ನೇ ಕರೆ) ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–08–2020

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (3ನೇ ಕರೆ)

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರುರವರು ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಕಡೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಎಸ್. ಮಾದಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾ.ಪಂ. ಬಿ.ವೈ.ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್. ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ಮಾದಾಪುರದವರೆಗೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ (ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: 75418) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 20.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅಥವಾ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿರುವ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ Standard Tender Document KW-1 ರಂತೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿದ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28–08–2020 ರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07–09–2020ರವರೆಗೆ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09–09–2020ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.00ಕ್ಕೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಈ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಆಕಸ್ಮಿಕ ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳು ಬಂದಲ್ಲಿ ಮರು ದಿನವನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಓದಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ತಿಳಿಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD
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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule –8 (1)](For Immovable Property)

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 25th day of August 2020.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Vijayanagar Branch,** Bangalore, for an amount of **Rs. 39,27,712/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Twelve Only)** as on **31/05/2020** plus interest from 01/06/2020 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description Of The Entire Property: All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing No.3 and 4, presently new No.65, formed in survey No. 74/1, ward No.34 (previously 33), kaneshumari No. 539/555, situated at Srigandhadakaval, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Talukmeasuring East to West (142+135)/2 feet and North to South 60 feet, totally measuring 8220 Sq Ft with AC sheet industrial Shed with built up area 6010 Sq Ft and bounded on the : East by: Ramanna's Property, West by : 30 Feet Road, North by : Property No. 2, South by : Property No. 5.

Date: 25.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

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The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 25th day of August 2020.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** BTM Layout Branch, Bangalore for an amount of **Rs.3,37,08,190/- (Rupees Three Crores Thirty Seven Lakhs Eight Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Only)** as on **31.05.2020** plus interest from 01/06/2020 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description Of The Entire Property: All that piece and parcel of Property which is in ownership and possession of Smt Sowbhagya C bearing No.6, old No. 513, PID No. 58-92-6, 41st Cross, 8th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 070, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, totally measuring 2,400 Sq.ft and building thereon and bounded on: East by : Site No.514, West by: Site No.512, North by: Site No.503 , South by: 41st Cross Road.

Date: 25.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health, Chennai - 32
Tender Notice No :1 /2020-2021

Sealed tenders are invited in two cover system from the eligible bidders for the **"Supply of safety kit comprising of Personal Protective Equipments namely Safety full body harness, Safety Helmet, Electrical Safety Shoes, Safety Shoes, Reflective Jacket, Nose Mask, Hand gloves (cotton), Rubber Gloves, Electrical Safety Gloves, Rubber Boot, Safety Goggles, Welding Face Shield and safety kit bag to be supplied to one lakh construction workers"** employed in the following categories as per the requirement mentioned in Table I

Table I

S. No.	Category of workers	Personal Protective Equipments to be supplied in the safety kit	No. of Safety Kits
1.	Mason	Helmet, Safety full body harness, Safety Shoe, Reflective Jacket, Hand Gloves,Nose Mask, Bag	20000
2.	Mazdoor-Women	Helmet, Safety Shoe,Gloves, Nose Mask, Bag	48000
3.	Mazdoor-Men	Helmet, Safety Shoe, Gloves, Nose Mask, Bag	12000
4.	Plumber	Helmet,Safety Shoe,Gloves,Nose Mask,Bag	2000
5.	Mixer	Helmet, Rubber Boot,Rubber Gloves, Nose Mask, Bag	3500
6.	Road Worker	Helmet, Rubber Boot, Rubber Gloves, Reflective Jacket, Nose Mask, Bag	500
7.	Electrician	Helmet, Electrical Safety Shoe, Electrical safety Gloves, Bag	3000
8.	Centering/ Bar Benders	Helmet, Safety full body harness, Safety Shoe, Gloves, Nose Mask, ,Bag	3000
9.	Painter	Helmet, Safety full body harness, Safety Shoe,Nose Mask,Bag	4000
10.	Carpenter	Helmet,Safety Shoe, Goggles, Gloves, Nose Mask, Bag	3000
11.	Welder	Helmet,Welding Face Shield, Safety Shoe, Gloves, Nose Mask, Bag	1000

Earnest Money Deposit : EMD of Rs.21 Lakhs shall be submitted.
The tender documents can be downloaded from the website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** from 31.08.2020 onwards or can also be obtained in person, in the form of CD at free of cost from the Administrative officer, Office of the Director of Industrial Safety and Health, T.S No.47/1, Thiru.Vi.Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 32, till **07.10.2020 upto 01.00 p.m.**
The tenders will be received till **07.10.2020 upto 02.00 p.m** and will be opened on **07.10.2020 at 03.00 p.m** in the Office of Director of Industrial Safety and Health, Guindy, Chennai-32.

DIPR/3241/Tender/2020

Director of Industrial Safety and Health (FAC), Chennai-32.

TAMIL NADU SLUM CLEARANCE BOARD
CHENNAI CIRCLE-I
NOTICE INVITING SHORT-TENDER

Tender Notice No.SCB/430/HD/SE(CC-I)/2020 Date: 29.08.2020

For and on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, one sealed tender consisting of two separate sealed covers one for Pre-qualification with EMD and other one for Price Bid with name of work duly superscribed in both covers are invited from eligible Contractors who are in the field of Construction Industry and are registered contractors of TNSCB under Class-I and above or Government Departments / Government undertakings / Government / Semi Government Bodies / Quasi Government / Public Sector undertakings / Housing Boards / Corporation Undertakings / CPWD and registered as a legal entity in India, by the Superintending Engineer, Chennai Circle-I, Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, No.5, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai 600 005 **upto 3.00 PM on 25.09.2020** and the same will be opened at 3.30 PM on the same day in the presence of the Tender Scrutiny Committee and bidders / their authorised agents.

Sl. No.	Name of work/Estimate No.	Approximate Tender Value (Including GST@12%) (Rs. in lakhs) / Period of contract	EMD (in Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Construction of 280 tenements (G+4 storeyed) adopting T.D.34D/2019 & 34B/2019 RCC framed structure including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements at Noombal Phase-II scheme in Thiruverkadu Municipality, Thiruvallur District under Housing For All (PMAY). Estimate CER No.20 / HFA / 2020-2021	2890.00 / 15 Months	14,56,000/-

The EMD should be drawn as Demand Draft or Banker's cheque or FDR / Bank Guarantee from any Nationalised / Scheduled Banks, payable at Chennai in favour of Executive Engineer, Reconstruction Division, Chennai-10. The tender documents can be obtained from the office of the Superintending Engineer, Chennai Circle-I, TNSCB, No.5, Kamarajar salai, Chennai-600 005 on written requisition along with cost of the tender documents to a value of 16,900/- (Non-Refundable) in the form of Demand Draft or Banker's Cheque upto 3.00 PM on 24.09.2020 drawn in favour of the Executive Engineer Reconstruction Division, Chennai-10.

Note:
1. Detailed tender notice, conditions for participating in the tender can be had from the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Chennai Circle-I Circle, TNSCB, Chennai 600 005.
2. Detailed tender notice, conditions for participating in the tender and the tender documents are also available at www.tenders.tn.gov.in which can be downloaded at free of cost. The tenderer shall keep a watch over the web site till the preceding date of tender for any notifications.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof
No.5,Kamarajar salai,Chennai-600 005.

DIPR/3255/TENDER/2020

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CHENNAI CIRCLE-I

Director General of Police and Director General
Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services,
No. 1, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road, Bengaluru-560 042.

Tender Abstract Notification

No. STS/SDRF/95/B/2020-21 Dated: 27.08.2020
Tenders are invited through e-procurement for supply of 04 Nos. Inflatable Boat, Bottom Reinforced and Inflatable (10-12 seater) as per department specifications for the Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services department, Bengaluru.

No. STS/SDRF/95/C/2020-21 Dated: 27.08.2020
Tenders are invited through e-procurement for supply of 04 Nos. Inflatable Boat, Bottom Reinforced and Inflatable (06 seater) as per department specifications for the Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services department, Bengaluru.

Eligible suppliers are requested to participate through e-procurement only. Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Help Desk: 080-25501216/227.
(1) Last date & time of tender queries : **Dtd: 02.09.2020 up to 16:00 hrs. (2)** Last date & time of submission of tender : **Dtd: 11.09.2020 up to 15:00 hrs. (3)** Date & time of opening of technical bid : **Dtd: 14.09.2020 at 16:00 hrs. (4)** Date & time of opening of financial bid : **Will be intimated.**

Sd/- Deputy Inspector General of Police and Tender Inviting Officer,
DIPR/DDU/SSC/950/2020-21 Karnataka State Fire & Emergency Services

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka under Taking)
Executive Engineer KBJNL, SBC O&M Division Khanapur Camp,
Taluk, Shahapur District, Yadgir, Email Id:kbjnleesbc2@gmail.com

No: KBJNL/SBCO&M/DVN/ TND/ PB/ 2020-21/300 Date: 25.08.2020

BRIEF TENDER - NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E- PROCUREMENT ONLY)

REF -I THIS OFFICE TENDAR NOTIFICATION LTR NO: 298 DATE: 25.08.2020
On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, SBC O&M Division Khanapur Camp Tq: Shahapur District Yadgir invited tender on turnkey Basis vide refarance-1 in two cover system.
1) Scope of Work/Nature of Work: SCP/ TSP Works(borewell and Pipline). 2) Work Indent No 19975, 19976 and 19977. 3) Estimate cost put to tender Highest to lowest : Rs.133.66 Lakhs to Rs.67.73 Lakhs. 4) Earnest Money Deposit : Rs 2.00 Lakhs to 1.35 Lakhs. 5) Access to e-tender documents From 27.08.2020 to 10.09.2020 up to 17.00 Hrs. 6) Submission of completed tender documents in e-portal: From 27.08.2020 to 10.09.2020 up to 17.00 Hrs. 7) Date of Technical Bid Opening in the Office of the Executive engineer KBJNL, SBC O&M Division Khanapur:14.09.2020 at 11.00 AM onwards. 8) Date of Financial Bid Opening in the Office of the Executive engineer KBJNL, SBC O&M Division Khanapur: 21.09.2020 at 11.00 AM onwards. 9) Contact Office Address : Executive Engineer KBJNL, SBC O&M Division Khanapur 10) Web site Details:http;//www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, SBC O&M Division Khanapur Camp
DIP/Yadgiri/109/MC&A/2020-21

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 25th day of August 2020.

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The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description Of The Entire Property: All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing No.240/1, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority in Mahalakshmi Layout, BMP Khatha No.1, PID No.10-36-1, 3rd Main road, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bangalore, measuring East to west 80 Ft and North to Soutn 50 Ft. Totally measuring 4000 Sq. Ft and building there on and bounded on :- East by :Road, West by : Site No. 270, North by : Site No.241, South by : Site No. 239 and Site No.272.

Date: 25.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE, RAMANAGAR

Bangalore-Mysore Road, Ramanagar-562159. Ph.: 080-29571734
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No.: DAM/APMC/(R)/DEV/448/2020-21 Date: 26.08.2020

BRIEF E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE, RAMANAGARA invites Itemwise competitive tenders through e-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** as per standard bidding document KW-4 from the PWD Registered Class-1 Contractors for **Construction of Cement Concrete Road and Drain, Compound Wall, Entry Arch at Main Market Yard of APMC Ramanagar** under WIF 2014-15 Scheme approved for 2020-21. Amount put to Tender: **Rs. 3,90,51,000/-, EMD: Rs. 5,86,000-00**, period for completion of work is **6 months** (excluding monsoon) prior clarification meeting on: **05/09/2020 at 11.00 AM,** last date of receiving filled in tenders **30/09/2020 upto 4.00 PM**, opening of technical bid on: **03/10/2020 at 11.00 AM,** Opening of Financial bid on: **09/10/2020** (if possible) (only of contractors who are eligible in technical bid) place of opening tenders is APMC Ramanagara. If more information required contact Secretary, APMC, Ramanagara **No.: 080-295771734** and Government of Karnataka e-Procurement help desk **080-22501216 / 25501227**. If there are any changes it will be published in the Web Site Only. APMC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Notice: This work is approved in the year 2020-21, WIF 2014-15 scheme, the bill amount of the work will be paid once the grant is released to the committee from the project fund. If the bill payment is delayed the contractor shall abide by the conditions - not resort to legal action or ask for any interest.

Sd/- Secretary, APMC, Ramanagar SAD/DIPR/RMN/182/Yakshi/2020-21 **Sd/- Chairman, APMC Ramanagar**

KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT

Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga-577 201.
Ph: 08182-272210, Email:dcf.shivamogga@gmail.com
No.B1/Sandal/E-auction/CR-03/2020-21 Date:28.08.2020

BRIEF SALE NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for the general information of the public that Sandal logs and pieces stored at Government Sandalwood Depot, Sandal Koti, Shivamogga- 577 203. as mentioned below will be sold by e-tender-cum-auction mode through MSTC Ltd., on the online platform "www.mstcecommerce.com". The sale conducting authority is Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division Shivamogga. The e-tender-cum auction is subject to terms and conditions uploaded on the website www.mstcecommerce. com. by e-tender-cum **E-Auction No: MSTC/BLR/KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT /1/GSWD SANDAL KOTI SHIVAMOGGA/20-21/10229**

Date of e-tender-cum-auction : 30 September 2020 **Mode** : Online-www.mstcecommerce.com **Time :** 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM **Quantity of Material** : Approximately 26.46 MT Sandal wood of Different kind **Approximate value** : Rs.10.00 Crores **Inspection of logs by the bidders :** 21.09.2020 to 25.09.2020 10:30 AM to 04:00 PM at Government Sandalwood Depot, Sandal Koti, Shivamogga- 577 203. **Pre Bid Meeting** : 25th September 2020 at 4.30 PM

Detailed Sale Condition to be downloaded from www.mstcecommerce.com

A.C.F. Sandal Koti, Shivamogga Contact Mobile No: 9448407544

Sd/- (G.U. SHANKAR) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/No.107/08/mca/20-21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client has negotiated to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder from its owner **Mr.S.G.Channabasavaiah,** Son of Late Gangadaraiah, resident of Saddarahalli, Kandikere Hobli, Tumkur 572 228, Karnataka.

Any person/s having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien and interest in respect of the Schedule property may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned with documentary evidence in support thereof within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the claims of all such person/s shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned and my client will proceed with the conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land being a vacant residential site bearing **No.1279/C,** (formed by the Bangalore Development Authority), situated at **1st Stage, 5th Block, Hennur Bellary Road Layout, (H.B.R.Layout),** Bangalore and now coming within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore and assigned with **BBMP Khatha No.2608/1279/C,** Corporation Ward No.24 and bounded on the :

EAST BY : Site bearing No.1279/B;
WEST BY : Site bearing No.1279/D;
NORTH BY : Site bearing No.1274;
SOUTH BY : Road;

and measuring :
EAST to WEST : 12.19 Meters;
NORTH to SOUTH : 18.29 Meters;
Totally measuring in all 222.95 Square meters or 2400 Square feet;

NISSAR AHMED, Advocate
No.10, Millers Road, Benson Town, Bangalore : 560 046.
Dated : 30.08.2020 Place : Bangalore

TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Contact Add: 11 Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400013 Contact No. (022) 61827414, (022) 61827375 CIN No. U67190MH2008PLC187552

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
(As per Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited.,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated as below calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice.
The borrower, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules.
The borrower, in particular, and the public in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited,** for an amount referred to below along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. from date of demand notice.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Loan Account No	Name of Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s)	Amount & Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
9749824	Mr.GOPALAKRISHNA N (Borrower) Mrs. GIRIJA N POOJARTHI (Co-borrower)	As on 28th March, 2019 Rs.20,36,219/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen Only)	28th, August, 2020

Description of Secured Assets/Immovable Properties : Schedule – A : All that piece and parcel of property bearing site No's. 8 and 9, Assessment No. 21/1, BBMP ward No. 40, situated at Andrahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North To South 60 Feet totally measuring 2400 Sq feet and is **bounded by:- East:** Others Property, **West :** Road, **North :** Site No. 7, **South :** Site No. 10.

Place : Bangalore, **Date: 29.08.2020**
Sd/- Authorised Officer
For Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer-3, SWM-1, 2nd Floor, Dasappa Hospital Compound, N.R. Road, Bengaluru - 560 002.

No.: EE-3/SWM-1/DWCC/RO/02/2020-21 Date: 29-08-2020

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTIFICATION

(Through GoK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer-3, SWM-1, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites Proposals from registered Trust, Society or a Non-profit Organization with a base in Bengaluru for **"Selection of the Resource Organizations (ROs) for 27 Division of BBMP"** to facilitate the identification, formation and support of SHGs and waste pickers groups for the DWCC/RDF Shed, towards the management and also hand holding of dry waste collection centers at a ward level for a period of three years which is extendable by another two years based on performance.

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in (2)** Last date for uploading Queries: **02.09.2019 upto 4.00 PM. (3)** Date of Pre Proposal meeting: **03.09.2020 at 4.00 PM at above office. (4)** Last date for submission of Proposals: **08.09.2020 upto 4.00 PM. (5)** Date of opening of Proposal: **10.09.2020 at 4.00 PM or next working day.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer-3, Solid Waste Management-1

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Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, # 4/10, 1st Floor, West Wing, Mythri Centre, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Kumar Subramanian (Borrower) Mrs. Thilakavathi (Co Borrower) Loan Account No LBBNG00004836353	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Vacant Site Bearing No: 592 Carved Out Of Schedule 'a' Property, Situated At Gattahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, In The Residential Layout Known As "reliaable Dollar Colony Phase 2f" Admeasuring: Bda Has Sanctioned And Approved The Residential Layout Plan Vide Its Order Dated : 25.07.2018, Bearing No.bda/tpm/prl 32/2017-18/750. Further Followed By Final Residential Layout Plan And Site Release Order No.bda/tpm/pl-32/2017-18/1070 Dated: 10.09.2018. Totally Measuring : 2482 Square Feet And Bounded On The East By: Road West By : Site No 591 North By : Road South By : Site No 593	Rs. 1,04,86,401/- (as on August 12, 2020)	Rs. 74,00,000/- / Rs. 7,40,000/-	Sept 16, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Oct 01, 2020 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on website **(URL Link-https://disposalhub.com)** of our auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited.** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **September 30, 2020** before **05:00 PM** else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.
The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, # 4/10, 1 st Floor, West Wing, Mythri Centre, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore – 560068** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **September 30, 2020** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, # 4/10, 1 st Floor, West Wing, Mythri Centre, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore – 560068** on or before **September 30, 2020** before **05:00 PM.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Bangalore.**
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on **7349439879/ 8008999536** or **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** on **9810029926/ 01244233933** Please note that Marketing agencies **1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited.** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

Date: August 29, 2020
Place: Bangalore
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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Mysore Road Branch, No.152, 2nd Main 7th Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018, Telephone – 080-26642104/ 26617799; E-mail :vjmyso@bankofbaroda.com.in Website: www.bankofbaroda.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY "APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Baroda,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **30.09.2020 "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned account. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Name & address of Borrower/s /Guarantor/ s/ Mortgagor (s)	Detailed description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues.	Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD amount, Bid Increase Amount.	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1) Mr.Bharath Kumar, S/o.Surya Narayana, Prop.S R Books & Stationary World, No.1, Near Sapota Garden, Chunchangatta Main Road, Opp to Vastu Placid Apartments, Yelechenahalli, Bangalore-560078. **2) Mr.Bharath Kumar** No.E-120, Old No.18, 2nd Cross, Old Bank Colony, Konanakunte, Bangalore-560062. **3) Mr.Charan Kumar S** S/o.Surya Narayana, No.E-120, Old No.18, 2nd Cross Old Bank Colony, Konanakunte, Bangalore-560026	**SCHEDULE A:** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.112 & 111, presently property bearing No.151/229 and 152/226/111, Khatha No.78 and 79 of Bommanahalli Nagarasabhe, formed on converted Sy.No.30/2 , (converted by special deputy commissioner, Bangalore vide order no. B.DIS/ALN/SR (S)/327/1988-89 dated 16-3-1989) situated at Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobali, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 80 feet, together with all rights, Appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above the surface. bounded by: East by: Chunchanagatta Main Road West by: Property bearing Nos.110 &113 North by: Road South by: 25 feet Road SCHEDULE B: All the piece and parcel of residential units constructed on the Schedule "A" property knows as "VAASTU PLACID" consisting of basement ground, first, second and third floors with mosaic flooring. SCHEDULE C: All the piece and parcel of the residential unit situated in the second floor bearing No. 302, Present Bruhut Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Sl. No. 121, Khatha No. 121/113/78, consists of Three Bed Room, the doors and windows of house are fitted with ordinary wood steel windows, kitchen Mosaic flooring with super build up area 1212 square feet of share in the Schedule "B" property together with 362 Square feet of Share in the Schedule "A" property with one car parking. The said property previously comes within the purview of Bommanahalli CMC limit and now comes under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore	Rs. 1,61,32,435 .72/- as on 31-7-2020	30-09-2020 & From 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs.50,00,000/- EMD Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- BID Increase Amount: Rs.10,000/- Last Date of EMD Amount : 29-09-2020	Physical Possession	Date of Inspection: 12-09-2020 Time: 11:00AM onwards

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm, https://ibapi.in and http://www.mstcecommerce.com.** Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer

Date: 29.08.2020
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, # 4/10, 1st Floor, West Wing, Mythri Centre, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore – 560068

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Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	M/s Balaji Infra build Pvt Ltd No. 73, Super Bunglow Opp Science City Sola Science City Road Ahmedabad 380061 (Borrower) Nellore Gopalkrishna Jayaram, Nellore Ashwinjai, Allu Chandrasekhar Naidu, Bunela Yadav (Guarantor) Loan account number-182651000001	Flat No. SF-102, A-2 Type Apartment Bearing No. Su-098 1st Floor In South Block, Shriram Surbhi Apartment, Mallasandra, Village Uttarahali, Hobli, Bangalore. (Open Top Covered Parking Space Bearing No. CSF 102 In Apartment Complex Shriram Surbhi) (Admeasuring An Area Of 962 Sq Feet) East: Road West: Survey No. 24 South: Property Belonging to Srnivas Rao North: Property Belonging to R. Narayanswamy	Rs. 3,23,13, 957.35/- (as on July 31, 2020),	Rs. 48,75, 000/- / Rs. 4,87,500/-	October 14, 2020 from 10:30AM to 12:30PM	October 16, 2020 from 10:00AM To 11:00AM

The online auction will be conducted on website **(URL Link-https://disposalhub.com)** of our auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited.** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **October 15, 2020** before **05:00PM** else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.
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Please note that Marketing agencies **1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

Date: August 29, 2020
Place: Bangalore
Sd/-
Authorised Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **E.G. GOVINDAN,** Son of Elayappa Gounder, Date of Birth: 01.06.1948, residing at No: 236, Jal Vayu Towers, NGEF Layout, Sadanand Nagar, Bangalore-560038., have changed my name from **ELAYAPPA GOUNDAR GOVINDAN** to **"ELAYAPPA GOUNDER GOVINDAN"** vide affidavit dated 26.08.2020, Sworn before Advocate and Notary, **D.G. SHANTHAPPA** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SREEKANTH M** S/o Muniraj Reddy A, aged about 34 years, residing at No.79, Temple Street, Doddanagamangala, Electronics City, Bengaluru South Bengaluru-560100, I have Changed my Daughter's name From **SANVI S REDDY** to **S DIYASHVI SAMUDRIKA,** vide affidavit dated 28.08.2020, before Advocate & Notary **B.M. CHANDRASHEKAR,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRUTHVI RAJ P. N,** residing at No.56, Behind Water Tank, Panathur, Bengaluru-East, Bengaluru-560103, have changed my minor daughter's name from **HARSHITHA PANATHUR** to **HARSHITHA PRUTHVI RAJ,** vide affidavit dated 28.08.2020, before Notary **H.G. VENKATARAMU,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRUTHVI RAJ P. N,** residing at No.56, Behind Water Tank, Panathur, Bengaluru-East, Bengaluru-560103, have changed my minor son's name from **YASHAS GOWDA PANATHUR** to **YASHAS GOWDA PRUTHVI RAJ,** vide affidavit dated 28.08.2020, before Notary **H.G. VENKATARAMU,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRUTHVI RAJ P. N,** residing at No.56, Behind Water Tank, Panathur, Bengaluru-East, Bengaluru-560103, have changed my minor daughter's name from **SUPRITHA PRATHIV RAJ** to **SUPRITHA PRUTHVI RAJ,** vide affidavit dated 28.08.2020, before Notary **H.G. VENKATARAMU,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAMYA M.S** resident of Aarvi Pride, 1378, Flat No. 304, 3rd Floor, 51st Cross, 29th Main, Poornaprajna Nagar, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560061, I have changed my name from **RAMYA NAVEEN** to **RAMYA M.S,** vide affidavit dated 29.08.2020, before Advocate & Notary **PRAKASH. C,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **TEJAS,** R/o #A5-503, Paramount, Pilatus Apartment, BDA 80ft Road, Arekere, Bengaluru -560076 have changed my name as **TEJAS PARESH LODAYA** vide affidavit dated 29.08.2020 sworn before notary B.M.Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) KAUSAR SHAMEEM,** Residing at No. 88, Flat No. 202, 3rd Floor, 1st Stage, 1st Block, HBR Layout, Bangalore - 560 043 have changed my name to **KAUSER MAHMOOD (NEW NAME)** vide affidavit dated 29.08.2020 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) MOHAMED GHOUSE ANSAR,** Residing at No. 201/10, 3rd Main Road, Devaraj Urs Nagar, Bangalore - 560 026 have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) MOHAMED GHOUSE** vide affidavit dated 29.08.2020 sworn before Notary H.S Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) LAKSHMI,** Residing at No. 38/1, 9th Main, 3rd Cross, Krishna Temple Road, Deshabhandu Nagar, Vidyaranya pura, Bangalore - 560 097 have changed my name to **LAKSHMI JAGARLAMUDI (NEW NAME)** vide affidavit dated 28.08.2020 sworn before Notary K.C Pemmaiah, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHRADDHA JAYKUMAR IYER,** D/o Pradeep Deshpande, aged about 37 years, Residing of House No. 3, 14th B Cross, Gowda Muniswamy Layout, Ejipura, Bangalore - 560 047, Karnataka, shall henceforth be known as **SHRADDHA DESHPANDE,** vide affidavit dated 29.08.2020 before Notary B.M Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I USHA KIRAN MUDIGERE LAKSHMANGOWDA at M.L.USHA KIRAN at USHA KIRAN .M.L. D/o.Late.M.G.Lakshamangowda, has sworn to affidavit before the Notary Public K.C.Pemmaiah, on 20/08/2020, at Bengaluru, to clarify that the names Usha Kiran Mudigere Lakshmangowda and M.L.Ushakiran and Usha Kiran.M.L, are all my names and are only Expanded and Abbreviated forms of my name.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JEMS STALEEN CHELLAPPA,** residing at House No. 302, Om Krupalaya, KIADB, Export Promotion Industrial Area, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560 048, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **JEMS STALEEN J CHELLAPPA** to **JEMS STALEEN CHELLAPPA.** Vide affidavit dated 29-08-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. ERESHA V.,** S/o. Mr. Venkatesh, aged about 28 years, Presently Residing at Ananda Reddy Lane, Nalli Lane, Munnekolala, Marathahalli Post, Bangalore - 560 037, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **VEERESH** to **ERESHA V.** Vide affidavit dated 29-08-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **IMRAN PASHA DASTAGIR,** Residing at No.174, 2nd A Main Road, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Sultanpalya Main Road, R.T Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560032, have changed my **(OLD NAME) IMRAN PASHA DASTAGIR,** to **(NEW NAME) IMRAN PASHA,** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.08.2020 Before The Notary Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bangalore City

NAME DECLARATION

I, ANUSHKA SHANKAR, aged about 28 years, D/o Ravishankar, Indian inhabitant, R/at No.A202, Sreenidhi Paradise Owners court Layout East Kasavanahalli, Near Shell Petrol Pump, Central Jail Road, Carmelram Post, Bengaluru-560035.
I here by declare that my names **"ANUSHKA SHANKAR" & "ANUSHKA"**. both names are belongs to me only. vide affidavit dated 28.08.2020 sworn to before Notary P. Nanjunda, at Bangalore.

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Karnataka Transport Department has extended the duration of the exemption of motor vehicle taxes for all registered vehicles – except for registration of new vehicles – from September 15 to September 30. It was approved by Transport Minister Laxman Savadi on Friday.

SI clings on to car for 2 km to nab gang moving liquor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kadapa

IN an exemplary act of bravery, a sub-inspector of police of Pulivendula police station in Kadapa district clung on to a moving car for more than two kilometres to nab a gang that was allegedly illegally transporting liquor from Telangana to Andhra Pradesh.

Kadapa SP KKN Anburajan said senior police officials on Friday got information that liquor was illegally being brought towards Pulivendula from Kondapur village, and alerted the local police. Pulivendula SI Ch Gopinath Reddy then started checking vehicles on the outskirts.

He noticed a Maruti Suzuki Ciaz approaching the check-post and tried to stop it. As the car slowed down, the SI went in front of it, but the driver suddenly hit the accelerator in a bid to escape.

The SI, who was hit by the car, jumped on the bonnet and clung on to the vehicle on both sides, supporting himself with the windscreen wipers.

The car proceeded at a high speed for nearly 2 km as Gopinath Reddy clung on to it. He broke the front mirror with his legs and entered the car, and in the meantime, a police vehicle intercepted the car and brought it to a halt. The SI suffered minor injuries on his abdomen, right leg and elbows.

Though the two occupants in the car fled, the police later nabbed one of them - V Nageswara Reddy, who was also the owner of the car. Nageswara Reddy is said to have been involved in criminal offences including ATM frauds. The police recovered 80 full bottles of liquor from the car, and registered a case against the accused.

District SP Anburajan lauded the SI for his bravery, and said Director General of Police Gautam Sawang would hand over a commendation letter to him.

Kadapa district SP Amburajan presents an appreciation certificate to Pulivendula SI Gopinath Reddy in Andhra Pradesh on Saturday | EXPRESS

As part of a door-to-door Covid-19 survey, a corporation employee approaches scrapyard workers in Chennai on Saturday | MARTIN LOUIS

Covid-19 spread under control: Tamil Nadu CM

Tally has gone up to 4,15,590, toll touches 7,137 including 87 deaths on Saturday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

EVEN as Tamil Nadu witnessed a spurt in cases on Saturday, with 6,352 people testing positive, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami assured that the spread of the virus in Tamil Nadu is "well under control" compared to other States. In a meeting with District Collectors, the Chief Minister thanked the bureaucrats and frontline workers for their service. "The infection can only be eradicated if people follow all the regulations laid out by the government," he said.

The State tally has gone up to 4,15,590, and toll to 7,137 including 87 deaths reported on Saturday. The discharge rate, however, continues to remain high at 85.5 per cent. Currently, 52,726 people are under treatment for the viral infection, and the mortality rate is at 1.73 per cent. Chennai recorded 1,285 fresh cases. Addressing the media, Health Secretary J Radhakrishnan said the city has tested close to 10 per cent of its total population. "Special focus is on Anna Nagar, Kodambakkam, and Adyar zones," he said.

Meanwhile, speaking at the Collectors' meeting, the Chief Minister explained the efforts initiated by the State government in battling the virus. "The State has so far spent ₹7,162 crore in battling Covid and for relief works. As a result, our recovery rate is highest in the country and our mortality rate is the lowest."

Speaking at the District Collectors meeting through video conference from the Secretariat, Palaniswami said, "The State has so far spent ₹7,162 crore on measures to prevent Covid, for treatment and relief work."

Unemployment rate due to pandemic has significantly come down in the past two months in Tamil Nadu and the State has been recovering quickly from the Covid's impact on economy, he said. "Survey has revealed that welfare schemes of the State government has reached people and softened the blow on economy delivered by the pandemic. Despite the lockdown, the government has signed MoUs for 42 new projects attracting an investment of ₹31,464 crore. This will generate jobs for 69,712 people," he added.

More pujas in temples, but no Anna Dasoha

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government, which is considering allowing more special puja services in temples, is not keen on allowing 'Anna Dasoha', the daily free meals to devotees, at endowment temples anytime soon, due to the ongoing pandemic.

Karnataka temples are known for serving free meals – Kukke Subrahmanya, Annapoorneshwari Temple in Horanadu, Sharadamba temple in Sringeri, Dharmasthala Manjunatha Temple, Sri Krishna Temple in Udupi, and many more.

A senior official from the endowment department told *TNSE* that in the first four months of this financial year, endowment temples generated revenue of only ₹18 crore, as against ₹300 crore last year. This is because special pujas are not being held, including rathotsava, homas, tulabhara, abhisheka and others. Apart from darshan, most of these services have been stopped due to Covid norms, as they require human contact between archakas and devotees.

We might not allow all pujas as of now. For instance, Sarpa Samskaara Puja at Kukke Subrahmanya is conducted in clusters. We don't know if we can allow it at this juncture
Rohini Sindhuri, Commissioner, Department of Endowment

Rohini Sindhuri, Commissioner, Department of Endowment, said Muzarai Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary has instructed them to prepare SOPs to open more seva services and submit them to the health department. "Now that hotels and gyms are open, we are considering opening more puja services, other than darshan. But we might not allow all pujas. For instance, Sarpa Samskaara Puja at Kukke Subrahmanya is conducted in clusters. We don't know if we can allow it at this juncture," she said.

On Anna Dasoha, she said that most of the temples that serve free food seat people in many rows. "It is not advisable to sit together without maintaining social distance. We might not allow this at least now," she added.

The state has over 34,000 temples run by the endowment department, of which 175 are categorised as Class A (with annual income above Rs 25 lakh), 158 as Class B (annual income Rs 5-25 lakh) and the rest as Class C (income less than Rs 5 lakh). This apart, there are thousands of temples run by private trusts, organisations and individuals. Until the Covid-19 outbreak, most of the Class A temples and many Class B temples were serving thousands of free meals every day, twice a day. On special occasions, the number of meals would run into lakhs. These temples had closed their doors to devotees, and only recently allowed public in, but with no special puja services.

Don't wait for Unlock 5.0: Merchants

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"WHILE the vegetarian restaurants and gyms are allowed to run till late hours, the bars and restaurants are asked to close at 10.30 pm as against 11.30pm, which was their deadline before the lockdown," the letter stated, while requesting the PMO to "correct the anomalies immediately rather than wait for the release of Unlock guidelines."

The State was hoping to open pubs and bars from September 1, but it is waiting for new guidelines from the Home Affairs Ministry. Excise officials consulted their counterparts in Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab and New Delhi, where liquor has been allowed.

NEP

Policy will be game-changer for education, says DyCM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA will implement the National Education Policy (NEP) shortly, and administrative and legal reforms are being undertaken for this, said Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister C N Ashwath Narayan on Saturday.

Inaugurating a seminar on 'NEP and its effects on the education sector' virtually, he said all-round transformation in education will be imminent once the policy is implemented.

"Reports handed by the taskforce constituted for the NEP have already been studied and the government is awaiting a final comprehensive report. Once the government gets the report, the implementation process will begin," he said. NEP has the potential to "usher in revolutionary changes" in the country and turn Karnataka into a hub of education, he added.

"Karnataka is the fastest among the top six states known for education. I am optimistic that Karnataka will be the education capital of India in the near future," he said, adding that the higher education academy set up at ₹100 crore in Dharwad will play a big role in the government's ambitious plan.

Statue row doused, Eshwarappa thanks villagers for their wisdom

ENS @Belagavi

FOLLOWING the controversy Following the controversy over installation of a statue of freedom fighter Sangolli Rayanna at Peeranawadi that angered pro-Marathi activists leading to violent clashes, a section of top ministers have arrived in the district to ensure peace.

RDPR Minister K S Eswarappa, Excise Minister H Nagesh and Water Resources and District In-Charge Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi on Saturday visited Peeranwadi, which had become a centre of controversy after Sangolli Rayanna's statue was installed. They offered floral offerings to the statues of both Rayanna and Chhatrapati Shivaji.

Ministers K S Eshwarappa and Ramesh Jarkiholi pay floral tributes to the statue of Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna in Belagavi on Saturday | EXPRESS

Eswarappa described Rayanna as a great fighter and said that Chhatrapati Shivaji strengthened the Hindu Swarajya empire by fighting against the Mughals. Rayanna was guided by Rani Channamma, while Shivaji was guided by his mother Jijabai," the minister said.

Eshwarappa congratulated Ramesh Jarkiholi and the villagers for their timely wisdom and for dousing embers in the village. "In connection with the skirmishes that took place over the statue row, a total of three cases have been booked in Belagavi. I have discussed it with Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai and the cases booked against Rayanna followers will be withdrawn," Eshwarappa said.

EXPRESS READ

Annamalai made Tamil Nadu BJP unit vice-president

Chennai: Just five days after joining the BJP, former IPS officer K Annamalai was on Saturday given the post of vice president in the party's Tamil Nadu unit. Party State president L Murugan announced this in a statement. At the time of joining, Annamalai had said that he joined the BJP not expecting any post and that he would function as a "loyal foot soldier" of the party.

Transport Dept extends validity of driving licences

Bengaluru: The Transport Department has extended the validity period for driving licenses in Karnataka under the Motor Vehicle Act 1988 and the Central Motor Vehicle Regulations to December 31 this year in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways had also decided to do the same regarding the validity of fitness permits, licenses and registrations.

OH!NAM

A group of women and girls have a mini Onam celebration in the backyard of their house in Thiruvananthapuram on Saturday. Even though Covid has watered down the festive spirit, many are glad to celebrate Onam indoors | VINCENT PULICKAL

CRIME PATROL

Six-yr-old boy drowns in sump while playing

Bengaluru: A six-year-old boy drowned in a water sump while he was playing in Kalyanagar on Friday. The deceased, Ashwin, was a Class 1 student in a government school. A senior police officer said that Ashwin was playing with some kids near the sump. Later, after the kids left, he sat alone on the edge of the sump for a while. As the sump was old, the cap collapsed and he fell in. His father, Mani, looked for him before finding his body floating in the sump and alerted the neighbours. Banasawadi police have registered a case of unnatural death. Mani, a vegetable vendor, lives in HRBR Layout with five children. Ashwin was the third one. Mani and his wife were outside when the incident happened, police said. ENS

Frame qualification norms for info officer: K'taka HC

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THE Karnataka High Court has asked the legislature to frame the qualification criteria for appointment of Public Information Officer (PIO) by public authorities, as they discharge quasi-judicial functions. It noted that no qualification is prescribed in the RTI Act or the Freedom of Information Act.

The court also ruled that the Information Commission — state or Central — has no power to remove, or dismiss, a PIO already appointed by a public authority. These directions were issued by Justice Suraj Govindaraj on August 26 while partly allowing the writ petition filed by the KPSC against the order passed by the Karnataka Information Commission (KIC) on June 18, on an application filed by one Vinay Kumar Ramaiah, a candidate who appeared for KPSC's gazetted probationers' examination.

The judge also held that a candidate, who appeared for examination conducted by a public service commission, can seek copies of his evaluated answer scripts along with the marks allotted to each question but not of another another person. In this case, Vinay sought his evaluated answer script, and embargo in the decision of the SC in the Angesh Kumar case, will not be applicable, the judge said.

Vinay applied for copies of evaluated answer scripts of main examinations conducted by KPSC. The PIO of KPSC, rejected this. He filed an appeal against this before the first appellate authority which dismissed it. When the matter was pending before the authority, he had approached the KIC against KPSC. Despite being informed that the application was rejected, the KIC passed the order on June 18, appointing the Controller of Examinations, KPSC, as PIO and secretary of KPSC as first appellate authority and removed the PIO already appointed. The KPSC moved the court over this.

Divesting in HAL is like selling national sovereignty: Workers

PEARL MARIA DSOUZA @Bengaluru

WORKERS of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), a defence public sector undertaking, wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, appealing him not to proceed with further disinvestment of HAL in the interest of national sovereignty. The letter was made public on Saturday.

The workers, under the All-India HAL Trade Unions Coordination Committee, said that they were surprised when the government proposed further disinvestment by selling up to 15 per cent stake in HAL through Offer For Sale (OFS).

"It is nothing but selling national sovereignty. The morale and motivation of our workers is directly connected with HAL being solely a government enterprise," they said.

While the government proposes to sell 3.34 crore equity shares or 10 per cent paid-up share capital of the company in the 'base offer size', there is an option to sell additional 5 per cent or 1.67 crore quity shares in the 'oversubscription option', they said.

We were surprised when the government proposed further disinvestment by selling up to 15 per cent stake in HAL through Offer For Sale —All-India HAL Trade Unions Coordination Committee

Welcoming the government's proposal to increase defence manufacturing in India to achieve self-reliance through Atmanirbhar Bharat, the Union said that it awaited sufficient book orders.

The workers accused the government of crippling HAL's ability to expand and causing a disadvantage when competing with the private sector, with further disinvestment and lesser cash reserve. Through 'buyback' of shares, the central government took away Rs 6,369 crore from the 'Reserves and Surplus' account of HAL, they added. They asked HAL to be made a prime nodal agency for all defence aerospace requirements of India, just as ISRO is for space.

Unthinking respect for authority is the greatest enemy of truth — Albert Einstein

ONE NATION, ONE TAX, ONE ACT OF GOD

THE THIRD EYE

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THE discourse on the state of the economy has always been raucous in India. The narrative has now acquired a surreal facet and tone.

For weeks now, the government of India and states governments have been dodging and weaving arguments on the quantum of losses and the obligation of compensation. The chief minister of Chhattisgarh declared states have not received a single paisa since April 1. The Centre, on its part, produced a legal opinion stating it was not legally obliged to compensate — this, amidst evangelism of cooperative federalism. The deputy chief minister of Bihar, where the BJP is in power in a coalition, informed the Centre of its 'moral obligations'.

When the issue came up at the 41st GST Council Meeting on Friday, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the celestial factor. Illuminating the state of the economy, she said, "This year we are facing an extraordinary situation...we are facing an act of God which might even result in the contraction of the economy." The invocation of the escape clause from the insurance industry was trolled within minutes from within the party and outside. Subramaniam Swamy asked whether the slowdown of the previous eight quarters was an act of God while West Bengal Finance Minister Amit Mitra simply said "God save this government".

Beyond the rhetoric, the construct is problematic at many levels — to start with subscription to omnipotence of the unseen equally demands acceptance of divine benevolence. Critically, the genesis of the virus which has caused the pandemic is yet unclear – questions on whether it was sue generis, an immaculate conception or created in a laboratory in China or elsewhere are as yet unanswered.

The postulate also constrains scientific interrogation and confuses correlation with causation — sequentially the contraction in the economy is the consequence of the lockdown imposed by the government.

The finance minister also went on to aver that the Act which enabled the GST did not foresee 'an Act of God'. It is arguable that the 'grand bargain', which saw the introduction of GST in 2017, is flawed. In the run up to the introduction of 'One Nation One Tax', this column urging for a tax neutral regime, argued that states cannot dictate rates and expect compensation at the same time. It was akin to having the cake and eating it too. The government defended its stance then by stating that the 'best' cannot be the enemy of the 'good'. The perceived 'good' now appears to be a bad deal. In 2020, the Centre finds itself locked in a binding obligation it can scarcely escape from.

By its own admission, the Centre owes states over ₹1.5 lakh crore for the first four months of the financial year and may have to fork out over ₹3 lakh crore for the full year. There is no disputing the criticality of resources for states. Every square kilometre of India — unless it is a Union Territory — is administered by states. The data on total government expenditure illustrates this eloquently — in 2019, total expenditure of the Centre was ₹24.4 lakh crore while that of the states was ₹35.5 lakh crore.

States governments are on the frontline of the war against the pandemic — critical to the preservation of the economy and for growth. Across India there are over 2 million vacant posts — in health, police and education — vital to sustaining governance. States are tasked with addition of community health centres and paramedics, anganwadi workers as specified by the NEP 2020 and provision of drinking water. The structural circumstance of governance calls for a policy promising efficient resource management.

The finance ministry is reluctant to making good the gap from its own coffers or borrowing against its own balance sheet. It has suggested that states could borrow the entire shortfall from the markets or a part of it through a special window facilitated by Reserve Bank of India. The solutions proposed are inefficient to say the least. The suggestion asking states to borrow from the market what the Centre owes the state is *jalebi* economics.

Ordinarily, these monies would have flowed from the Centre's coffers. The cost of borrowing is lower for the Centre than for the states. What is the logic of adding higher interest costs to the cost of governance? Ostensibly, the attempt is to keep the Centre's deficit and borrowings down. But no amount of showboating can camouflage reality — borrowings whether by the Centre or the states will show up on public debt data.

The reality is that India migrated from eight quarters of slowdown to lockdown. Need for money — for recapitalising banks, for unpaid dues, for rising social subsidies — will follow requiring the Centre to knock on the doors of debt and deficit. There are options. The government can hive off holdings in Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) and Life Insurance Corporation into a sovereign fund, India Investment Corporation. The underlying value can be leveraged to issue bonds to wealth funds, pension funds and HNIs and followed by the phased sale of entities.

Atmanirbhar India calls for innovation in raising resources. Why not knock on the temples of modern India as the moolah mantra to overcome the Act of God?

CONGRESS: EXPLODING FROM WITHIN?

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

THERE was a storm in the Congress teacup last week. It re-established two facts. One, that there is a section of Congressmen who now see the Gandhi family's hold on the party as unhealthy. Two, that they are not strong enough to prevail. Hangers-on of the family, benefiting from being hangers-on, dominate the party. They still argue that only the Gandhis can hold the party together. Alas, that is true. Fatally true.

Considering that background, perhaps what we saw last week was more than a storm in a teacup. By Congress standards, it was equivalent to a typhoon in the Pacific that 23 senior leaders found the courage to write to Sonia Gandhi asking for the election of a functional, effective, full-time party president. There are many more who share the sentiments of the 23.

The signatories do not include mass leaders. That is because there are no mass leaders in the Congress today. But the 23 included leaders of stature whose loyalty to the Congress was never in doubt. People like Kapil Sibal, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Ashok Chavan, Shashi Tharoor have served the party well. Rahul Gandhi showed a mixture of immaturity and arrogance when he suggested that these people were in line with the BJP. Sonia Gandhi was wiser when she said that she would leave the president's chair and gave fellow leaders six months to elect a new president. If Rahul fails to see the negative implications of his approach, the problems facing the Congress will hold the party back for the foreseeable future.

Given the tradition of family dominance in the party, Congressmen may end up electing, who else, Rahul Gandhi. If he is properly elected, he will at least have a legitimacy that would seem more authentic than the present qualification, pedigree. Therefore, the initiative taken by, shall we say, the Gang of 23, should be welcomed as a positive development. But the opportunity was cast aside by the so-called "loyalists" in the Working Committee who are now putting together a "counter-attack" plan.

Their approach is erratic as indeed is Rahul's own handling of the matter. Together, they made it abundantly clear that all key decisions would be taken by the family. There was no attempt, even for formality's sake, to show that democratic procedures would be followed. Nor was there any indication of a time frame within which things would be sorted out. Rahul seemed unwilling to take on the presidentship formally, but he wouldn't let a dummy be appointed either. The Gang of 23 was outnumbered, surrounded and disowned at the Working Committee meeting. Another small win for Rahul, another big loss for the Congress.

Perhaps Captain G R Gopinath (of Air Deccan fame) put it a bit melodramatically when he said that "a national party was hijacked by an effete dynasty propped up by self-serving, fawning courtiers... now reduced to a vanguard of one family of dwarfs, surrounded by a coterie of midgets."

> Dearth of capable leaders is not the problem worrying the Congress. The problem is whether it has the political wisdom to do what has to be done. If men like Antony and Kharge are not made use of, the price the Congress will have to pay will be high

The party is caught in what wrestlers call a vice grip. At a seven-hour meeting, the Working Committee could only decide to leave matters where they are. Sonia will remain "interim" president until an AICC meeting is called "at the earliest". In short, mixture as before.

So what will happen to the Gang of 23? Some of them are so senior that it would not be easy to "punish" them. But wounds would not heal easily. Even the mild-mannered, never-controversial A K Antony used a strong word like "cruel" to describe the action of the 23.

Couldn't Antony do more? At a time when the presidentship of the party has become a matter of internal discussion, won't he be a wise choice for the post? He is above sectarian labelling and has an all-India profile, having been Defence Minister. Mallikarjun Kharge is just as credible a name for the party's captainship. His status above factionalism, his record in Parliament and his stature in his home state make him a fine candidate for the top post.

Dearth of capable leaders is not the problem worrying the Congress. The problem is whether it has the political wisdom to do what has to be done. If men like Antony and Kharge are not made use of, the price the Congress will have to pay will be high. Except in a one-leader party like the BJP, things happen not with a bang but a whimper. T S Eliot's poem which made that phrase famous was titled '*The Hollow Men*'. In 1925, he could foresee the leaders of 2020.

CONGRESS: OF, FOR AND BY THE GANDHIS

POWER & POLITICS

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IT appears to be burlesque yet it is the political reality. They have failed to get votes. Yet they grab maximum voices and make the most noise about themselves. For the past five decades, the Gandhis have never been out of sight or mind of the Indian electorate. They are in the news not because of any earthshaking political action. The Gandhis are conspicuously omnipresent due to their inaction. They are left with few adversaries but even fewer friends in the party.

They hardly add any political pizzazz to the dwindling fortunes of the 135-year-old Congress party. Despite losing power, the puissant Gandhi Parivar can still make and unmake the Congress and change its ideological and demographic contours. When challenged, they bounce back triumphatically after trampling upon their opponents.

Last week, history repeated itself, rather ridiculously. Two dozen odd Congress leaders from various parts of the country decided to shake the Empire. Most of them have been with the GOP longer than the all three Gandhis. Some of them were former chief ministers and union ministers. Others were former and current members of Parliament.

They thought the time had come to wake up the party and its leadership from slumber. They just sought an active introspection and an efficacious leadership, which was both visible and active on the ground as well. In order to prevent a backlash, they also made it clear that Gandhi family would always remain an integral part of the duly elected collective leadership. They were distraught and appalled at the successive electoral humiliations and toppling of their elected state governments. With an inaccessible Sonia and occasionally visible Rahul Gandhi, the Congress leaders were feeling orphaned.

A dark political future was staring at them. But for the Gandhis, it was yet another bad phase which too shall pass. And for them, the concept of collective leadership is an anathema. Ever since Indira Gandhi converted the party into a family-owned political entity after the first split in 1969, every attempt to broad base its dynastic hierarchical architecture has been crushed ruthlessly by purging the dissenters.

Indira was perhaps the most calculated and forward looking parent who wrote and left an organisational algorithm which would always ensure the return of a Gandhi to dominate the affairs of the Congress. For them, political experience wasn't an essential qualification for holding the highest office in the party or the government.

It was after 20 years that a group of Congress leaders endeavoured to correct the imbalance between family dominance and organisational supremacy. All of them have been co-conspirators in the past in perpetuating dynastic ascendancy. They have also been beneficiaries of the Gandhi munificence. But when they rose against the Gandhi deities, they were branded as Quislings who were egged on by the Bharatiya Janata Party. In fact, none of the letter writers had even a remotest link with the Sangh Parivar.

The Gandhis and their promoters applied the original Mrs G's formula of first threatening to quit and then using the loyalists to drum up the demand for the Gandhis to remain in office to save not only the party but also the nation. Even the resolutions passed by the Congress Working Committee (CWC) or the All India Congress Committee (AICC) during the past five decades are similar both in spirit and verse. They begin with how the Congress has brought India back from the precipice of destruction and end up with sycophantic adulation of Nehru and the Gandhis.

Last week too, the factional shenanigans ended with laudatory speeches. Surprisingly, the resolution hailing the Gandhi Parivar was moved none other than the former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. While warning the missive writers that the resolution vowed to "strengthen the hands of Sonia and Rahul Gandhi", it also added that "No one can be, nor will be, permitted to undermine the Congress at this critical juncture and Sonia and Rahul Gandhi's voices are the strongest voices fighting the BJP government and the assault on democracy".

Not only were the Gandhis able to further solidify their control over the Congress, they were able to eliminate any immediate threat to their leadership. Though Sonia Gandhi offered to resign, yet stayed on till the next AICC session is held to elect a new president. In the meanwhile, a chorus was orchestrated to anoint Rahul Gandhi as her successor.

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It is quite evident that the India's second largest party was destined to be permanently dominated by the Dynasty. Historically, the party hasn't been at peace with itself whenever it was led by a non-Gandhi during the past 40 years. When Indira Gandhi was tragically assassinated in 1984, her son Rajiv Gandhi was elevated not only as the Prime Minister but also as the Congress president. He had merely less than three years of political experience as one of the general secretaries. Within four years, he faced a big challenge from his own party when a powerful faction led VP Singh revolted against him. He lost the popular mandate but retained his party presidentship.

Unfortunately, he was killed by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Once again, a vocal Congress section wanted his widow Sonia Gandhi to take over but she refused. It was perhaps divine intervention that PV Narasimha Rao was retrieved from a veritable retirement home to take over as party president and he became the prime minister later as well. It was during Rao's tenure that AICC elections were held after a gap of 13 years. Rao survived in office for five years but was always under constant threat from Gandhi loyalists. When he lost the 1996 election, he was unceremoniously removed and was replaced by a nonentity like Sitaram Kesari. Even Kesari wasn't acceptable to Gandhi faithfuls. He was ejected out of office by using strong arm tactics.

Ironically, it was Kesari who enrolled Sonia as a primary Congress party member in August 1997. Eight months later, she became the Congress president without holding any office earlier. When she faced opposition from Sharad Pawar and others, they were thrown out of the party. And she broke the record for holding the AICC president's post for the next 19 years. When she decided to quit, she handed over the baton to her son Rahul Gandhi in December 2017. But he also resigned soon after a humiliating defeat in the Lok Sabha elections. Expectedly, he was succeeded by his mother Sonia Gandhi again.

In fact, barring the brief period of 1991-98, the middle room of a sprawling 24 Akbar Road Congress office has always been occupied by a Gandhi. But generational transition in the Congress has also led to death of an ideology-led Indira dispensation and emergence of the personality cult-driven Gandhis.

Anyone who made to minimise the Gandhis has been erased from the history of the Congress. Congress website has a page on "Our Inspiration". It contains, other than Nehru and the Gandhis, pictures of eight personalities including Jagjivan Ram and Manmohan Singh. The only one missing from it is Rao. It is a stark reminder for those that if anyone ever messes up with the current crop of the Gandhis, he or she wouldn't find a place even in the footnotes of the party's history. Gandhis are never shellacked. Only the Congress is clobbered. Despite pretensions, it will always be Gandhi vs another Gandhi. Take it or leave it.

QUOTE CORNER

For almost eight years I controlled my chronic disease, however, this year in June I had a regular check-up and there was a sign of the disease. I made a judgment that I should not continue my job as prime minister.

Shinzo Abe, Japan Prime Minister

It (post) was to reflect my deep belief in celebrating feminism and civic participation. I value all perspectives I have heard over the past days about how the post was received and as a result, I have deleted the post. I genuinely regret any hurt it may have caused, including to my Muslim colleagues

Ankhi Das, Facebook's public policy director for India

What did I do wrong? Why do they want to kill me? I have done positive and good things for this country. Why would someone become this cruel that they have spent money on this operation to kill me. I have not done anything wrong...

Fawzia Koofi, Afghan politician

MAILBAG WRITE TO letters@newindianexpress.com

Give NEP a chance

This is in reference to NEP 2020 is a Game-changer, now implement.(Aug 29) The article has very convingly depicted the merits of the NEP and the imperative to implement it. NEP addresses the fundamental problems of our education system such as lack of connectivity between education and life. It also underscores the need for tremendous willpower for implementation, as there will be protests even from academicians and education administrators, who are averse to changes. The need for erudite educations ministers, capable of assimilating the changes is also a necessity.

Dharmarajan AK, Thalassery

Centre should help states

This is reference to the editorial Unfair to dump centre's GST default on states (Aug 29).The central government cannot shirk off its statutory responsibility to transfer the due share of GST to states by citing COVID-19 as force majeure event or an act of God. The states are in poor financial situation and cannot borrow from the market easily and repay in time. It is more appropriate for the Centre to borrow and pay to the states. Refusal of payment of GST to states amounts to its failure and needs to be examined for its withdrawal. When the central government can invoke force majeure clause to default on payments, why not people follow the same by asking banks to write-off their loans because they are much more affected financially by the covid pandemic than the government.

O Prasada Rao, Hyderabad

Why the hurry for exams?

India could take pride in the pandemic control with data proof when the pandemic in other countries was on ascending mode in the beginning. The relapse of the pandemic in France, Spain and other countries after lockdowns were relaxed is a cause of worry to their heads. They now enforce rules strictly. Now India is tackling with enlarging prevalence of the pandemic daily. Even in the West, parents are reluctant to send children to schools and educational institutions. Here also parents are in a dilemma about schools reopening. The Supreme Court's exhortation that life must go on is like a Hobson's choice given to the state adminstration about conducting NEET and JEE as per the directive of the Central government. The six opposition states, which appealed SC to reconsider its order, bear reasons. When the states are torn between lives and livelihood issues, postponement of entrance examinations can wait since CLAT has been postponed. The problems expressed by the six states are to be weighed since states are accountable to their subjects.

S Arjun Prasanna, Bengaluru

Ignore Chidambaram's remark

What is wrong in the remarks "Act of God" by Finance Minister while participating in GST meeting? Why Chidambaram should talk about this? Chidambaram should not forget that he is still under cloud and somehow managed to come out on bail using some legal points in his son's money laundering case. His frequent public talks slamming the government as if he is expert is quite amusing. Is it sin to mention God? Corona is an unexpected calamity which affects not only human lives world wide but economy also.Human brain and efforts have limitations. There is nothing wrong in FM remarking "Act of God" for trouble in economy, which is world wide phenomenon now. As such, Chidamabaram's charge on the FM could just be ignored.

VS Ganeshan, Bengaluru

Say no to Fadnavis' demand

Former chief minister Devendra Fadnavis' demand to open all religious places in Maharashtra is not only reckless, but also against the bonafide interest of the people. Maharashtra is one of the states adversely affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and thus the senior leader's demand for opening the sacred places confirms his servility to religious zealots. Political leaders are obliged to protect the crucial interests of the country sans any religious inclination.

Cicily Thomas, Muvattupuzha

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Subramanian Swamy @Swamy39
Media trial howls in Sushant Singh Rajput murder matter are ridiculous. It is not a trial but a debate in which both sides are invited.

Asaduddin Owaisi @asadowaisi
The unplanned lockdown has pushed many people to hunger & desperation. The government must act now to avert this food crisis

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
Manoj Dubey was killed in Auraiya. According to family, the police continued to prove it a missing case for five days and was sitting idle.

Wasting ground water may soon invite penalty

Centre wants states to introduce coercive mechanism measures

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

WITH over 25 per cent decrease in per capita water availability expected by 2025, Union Jal Shakti Ministry wants all states to evolve and implement mechanisms with coercive measures, including penalty, for wasting ground water.

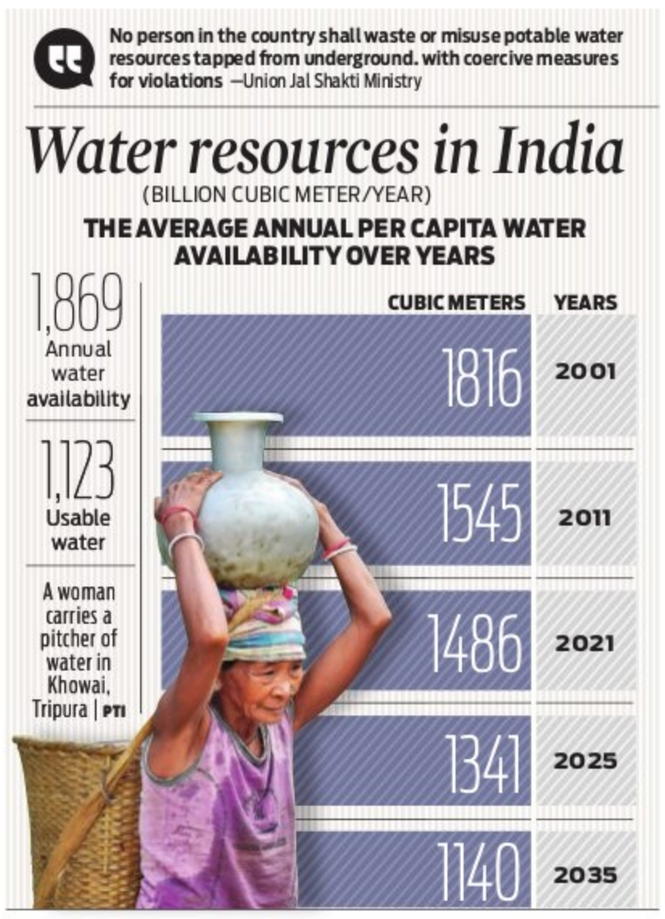
The ministry has submitted directions in this regard for approval to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) following a case related to containing wastage of ground water.

"The concerned civic bodies dealing with water supply network in the states/Union Territories, whether called as Jal Board, Jal Nigam, water works department, municipal corporation, municipal council, Development Authority, Panchayat or by any other name, shall ensure that there shall be no wastage or misuse of potable water tapped from underground and evolve compliance mechanism with coercive measures for violations," said the directive prepared by the ministry's Central Ground Water Authority.

It further said that no person in the country shall waste or misuse potable water resources tapped from underground. The NGT had directed the ministry that regulators should ensure wastage of water is not profitable and the cost of such wastage is recovered. As per Report of National Commission on Integrated Water Resources Development, the total water availability of India received through precipitation is about 4,000 billion cubic metre (BCM) per annum and after evaporation, 1,869 BCM water is available as natural runoff to topographical and other factors. The utilisable water availability is limited to only 1,122 BCM. According to estimates, the average annual per capita availability between 2011 and 2025 has reduced by 25 per cent and would further reduce to 36 per cent by 2035.

"It has been observed that there is lack of awareness on the part of the public in using the groundwater resulting in wastage through the overflowing overhead tanks, excessive use in flushing in toilets, wastage of water in bathing/wash basins/kitchens etc. ...There is substantial loss of water due to leakage during transmission/distribution...," said UP Singh, secretary, Jal Shakti Ministry.

No person in the country shall waste or misuse potable water resources tapped from underground. with coercive measures for violations —Union Jal Shakti Ministry



'Will bring farm edu to middle school'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said efforts are being made to introduce agriculture subject at middle school level in villages, adding that necessary reforms have been made in this regard in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Saying that agriculture has a major role to contribute in the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' campaign, Modi said self-reliance in agriculture targets at making farmers both producer and entrepreneur.

Interacting with students after inaugurating the college and administration buildings of Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University in Uttar Pradesh's Jhansi through video conferencing, the PM said teaching agriculture at the middle school levels in villages would help develop agriculture-related understanding and enable the spread of information about agriculture, modern farming techniques and marketing to promote agro-entrepreneurship in the country.

Laying stress on the role of agriculture in the Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign, Modi said several historic agricultural reforms have been taken to empower the farmers — that include allowing them to sell their produce anywhere in the country at better prices.

"A special dedicated fund of ₹1 lakh crore has been set up for providing better facilities and promoting industries in a cluster-based approach," said Modi. Modi also stressed that efforts are continuing to connect farming with modern technology.

"Research institutions and agricultural universities have a vital role to play. Now, there are three central agricultural universities compared to just one six years ago. Besides this, three more National Institutions, IARI Jharkhand, IARI Assam and Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Integrated Farming in Motihari, Bihar, are also being established," said the PM, adding that these institutes will give new opportunities to the students.

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Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

25,000 people could be having post-coronavirus complications

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

BISWADEEP Das (name changed), is a 42-year-old software developer based in Noida who had defeated Covid-19 by a whisker two-and-a-half months back after spending nearly 35 days in a city hospital.

A hypertension and diabetes patient, Das quickly developed acute respiratory disease syndrome after testing positive and needed ventilator support for 10 days before he started breathing on his own.

"My family members had given up hope as very few who end up on ventilator come back but I did get better," Das told this correspondent. "I and my family members were elated when I tested negative for SARS CoV 2 after more than a month in the hospital and the doctors said I could go home and recuperate."

But the initial euphoria Das and his family felt was short-lived. He turned out to be what doctors across the world are now calling long-haulers as the disease left a significant part of his lungs badly damaged, resulting in a serious complication called lung fibrosis.

Once at home, Das still needed oxygen support for nearly 40 days and even now he cannot talk or walk for a few minutes without gasping for breath. There is a cloud over whether he can resume work in the near future. On top of it, he is also struggling with psychological issues such as anxiety and panic attacks.

Doctors say nearly 10 per cent of all Covid-19 patients who had moderate to serious disease, mostly those requiring ICU care, will have post-Covid-19 complications, whose main symptoms are breathlessness, fatigue and in some cases, damage to vital organs.

India has nearly 35 lakh confirmed cases so far. If 10 per cent of this needed ventilator support out of which 5-10 per cent developed post-recovery complications, then the number of such patients will be around 20,000-25,000.

In July, an Italian study in the Journal of the American Medical Association involving 143 recovered patients two months after the onset of the first symptom, found over 85 per cent had at least one symptom. The most commonly reported symptoms were fatigue and dyspnea (shortness of breath).

"It's a challenge to help and manage such patients," said Hyderabad-based intensivist Srinivas Samavedam who has been treating coronavirus patients since the beginning of the pandemic.

"Just like there is a national clinical management protocol for managing Covid-19 patients, there should also be a national action plan and guidelines to help doctors manage such long haulers," he said.

Shikha Panwar, a critical care specialist in Faridabad, pointed out that mostly those who get the severe disease or cytokine storm but recover, are also those who suffer for a long time.

"And it gets more complicated for people above 50," she said. "Many of them won't be in a condition to go back to work for probably a year or longer or be disabled for life."

Seeing the seriousness of the situation, the Centre last month started an exercise to follow up and document clinical details of cured Covid-19 patients to assess how many of them have long term complications and what is the degree of these consequences.

Patients recovered from Covid-19 prepare to leave Calcutta Medical College | PTI

Cong writes to FB CEO again over 'BJP links'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Saturday wrote another letter to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg on reports that the BJP was allowed to control WhatsApp's India operations in return for a possible licence for its payment operations. At a press conference, the opposition party also demanded an investigation by a Joint Parliamentary Committee into the alleged "links of Facebook employees and the ruling establishment".

In his letter to Zuckerberg, Congress general secretary organisation, K C Venugopal, referred to his earlier letter dated August 17 in which the party had requested the company to investigate the allegations made in the *Wall Street Journal* article that the social media platform refused to apply hate speech rules to certain BJP politicians.

"We draw your attention to the article in *Time* magazine dated August 27 that reveals more information and evidence of biases and a quid-pro-quo relationship of Facebook India with the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party," Venugopal said in the new letter dated August 29.

"We will also be pursuing legislative and judicial actions in India to ensure that a foreign company cannot continue to cause social disharmony in our nation for their pursuit of private profits," he said.

HEALTH UPDATE

Shah recovers from Covid, to be discharged

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah has recovered from the Covid-19 and was expected to be discharged on Saturday night, said the AIIMS, where he was admitted on August 18.

"Sh. Amit Shah, Hon'ble Home Minister is admitted at AIIMS, New Delhi for post-COVID Care. He has recovered and is likely to be discharged in a short time," said Dr Aarti Vij, the chairperson of AIIMS (media and protocol division).

Shah had tested positive for Covid-19 on August 2 and was admitted to Medanta Hospital in Gurugram. He spent 12 days in the hospital before he was tested negative for the disease on August 14.

However, on August 18, he was taken to the AIIMS after he complained of fatigue and body ache. Shah has been in the hospital since then.

Shah didn't attend the Independence Day function at Red Fort this year. He hoisted the flag at his residence.

Air pollution linked to high BP, finds research

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE first evidence of a direct link between air pollution and rising instances of blood pressure has been established in India.

Researchers from the Centre for Chronic Disease Control and the Public Health Foundation of India, in collaboration with the Harvard T H Chan School of Public Health, on a locally-recruited representative population have presented strong evidence of the harmful effects of PM2.5 exposures on cardiovascular diseases in the country. Exposure to PM2.5 over durations of one year, one-and-a-half years and two years increased the risk of developing hypertension by 1.5 times, 1.6 times and 2 times respectively. These results were also found to be stronger in study participants with higher waist-to-hip ratios, an indicator of central obesity.

This is one of the first studies conducted in an Indian setting with such data on ambient air pollution exposure and health outcomes and has shown the significant clinical and health benefits associated with reducing ambient PM2.5.

Through the study, scientists investigated the association between exposure to ambient PM 2.5, a marker of air pollution with blood pressure, and incidence of hypertension in Delhi in a cohort of about 5,300 individuals recruited from different parts of Delhi and followed them for seven years. BP was assessed longitudinally at three time points within the cohort over the seven-year period.

In the study, the researchers found strong effects of long and short-term exposure on systolic and diastolic blood pressure as well as risk of developing hypertension.

"We observed higher average systolic BP in monthly and annual exposures, respectively and positive but less pronounced associations were observed for diastolic blood pressure," the scientists noted. The study shows the effects of air pollution at some of the highest global levels and in a large population studied longitudinally.

The findings have significant policy implications as an approximate reduction of 15% in hypertension prevalence can be ensured given the attainment of national ambient air quality standards in the national capital.

Bhushan's sentencing on Monday

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court will deliver its verdict on the quantum of punishment to advocate Prashant Bhushan on Monday following his conviction for contempt of court.

A three-judge bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra will pronounce the judgment on the sentence. Mishra is due to retire on September 2.

The order on the quantum of sentence was reserved on August 25 after hearing senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan and Attorney General K K Venugopal. Bhushan had filed a supplementary statement reiterating his position to stand by his tweets. He refused to apologise for the tweets for which he was held to be in contempt.

When this supplementary statement was considered by the court, Dhavan had urged the court to not make Bhushan a martyr by imprisoning him.

"This institution must have criticism and not just criticism but extreme criticism," Dhavan had said.

"Scandalising the court is ambiguous. Criticism of court is inevitable. Consider the bona fide of the 'offender' and then consider the offence," he added.

Justice Mishra observed: "If someone with a standing of 30 years, like Bhushan, says something, people tend to believe him. Had it been someone else, it was easier to ignore but when Mr Bhushan says something, it has some effect." *ENS*

'COVID SHOWED US WHY GHANA IS CLOSE TO INDIA'

INDIA'S help has helped Ghana keep its Covid-19 tally low, ***Michael Aaron NN Oquaye Esq (Jnr),*** *Ghana's High Commissioner to India, said in an interview with* ***Pushkar Banakar.*** *Excerpts:*

How do you see India-Ghana relations evolving after the pandemic?
The pandemic showed us why Ghana is very close to India. We have a similar cultural background and we have a similar climate of business. During the pandemic, Ghana has had lots of conversations with India including conversations for pharmaceutical products. This has proven our relations. In fact, a large number of pharmaceutical products sold in Ghana are manufactured in India. The Ghanian government spoke to the Indian government to arrange import of HCQ which was useful in tackling coronavirus. If you see, Ghana's Covid deaths are very low.

Trade with India in 2016 was $26 billion and it rose to around $30 billion the following year. Between 2017 and 2019 the trade has increased by 48 per cent. What really has come down is the balance of trade in favour of India. This is because Ghana is producing luxury items like gold and cocoa that India is consuming. The more India is prospering, the more gold and cocoa its people buy. There has been a new area of collaboration — oil and gas. Recently, India has signed a MoU with Ghana for procurement of LPG. Oil companies want to come to Ghana for oil refining but the pandemic has pushed back that date. These factors put trade in Ghana's favour and also the fact that India's consumption of goods has increased manifold. In terms of investment, the Ghana Investment Promotion Centre has ranked India as number two not only in terms of number of projects but also in terms of monetary value. At the moment, there are 750 projects worth $1.8 billion.

There has been considerable dip in imports and exports between Ghana and India. Do you see a particular reason? If yes, how are you trying to overcome this?
The figures are actually reverse. It is true that in terms of trade in favour of India, the figures have gone down. However, in terms of investment, there is a different pattern.

Recently, a group of Indian businessmen in Ghana donated ₹4 million to help tackle Covid. The Indian diaspora is about 20,000 strong. What role has it played in development of the Ghanian economy?
The number of Indians in Ghana has increased significantly and this has contributed to the huge investments. The number of visas granted to Indians has gone up at least 2.5 times in the last three years. The Association of Indians in Ghana and other prominent Indians have come together to chip in. This mainly went into feeding poor people in the lockdown. They also gave medicines and money for research at the Noguchi Memorial Institute and for procurement of test kits and PPEs.

What are the new sectors of cooperation that Ghana is looking to deal with India?
We are looking at the oil and gas sector. The Indian oil companies should not only look at end purchase. We want them to be a part of the full chain in the energy sector. We want them to be involved in drilling and other processes, too. Another area of interest is fishing... Railway is another sector in which the two countries have gone into a partnership.

12.69L cases disposed of via e-conference during lockdown: Justice Chandrachud

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

STRESSING the need for collating data for faster disposal of cases, Supreme Court judge Justice D Y Chandrachud on Saturday, while launching the website of the top court's e-committee, said the data management will help the entire justice delivery system.

"Purpose of launching this website is to put forth the e-initiatives of this committee, which is the arm of the Supreme Court under the e-Courts project, at the command of every citizen," chairman of the e-committee, Justice Chandrachud said.

"Some remarkable work is being done in courts all over the country which is not available and not known to the people. Idea was to allow high courts to upload on the website the work they are doing in their courts to inform the nation at large," he said.

Citing the work done especially by the district courts during the lockdown, Justice Chandrachud said: "Between March 24 and August 28, for the district judiciary, a total of 28,66,089 cases were registered and 12,69,661 cases were disposed of. Leading this has been our Supreme Court. We have interacted with 50,000 lawyers who have been able to access the services of the Supreme Court during the lockdown." He also added that e-seva kendras will soon be in place at all courts across the country for a litigant to access the system conveniently.

FACEBOOK ROW
The Congress wrote to FB CEO for the second time in a month, asking what steps were being taken on allegations about its India unit being biased towards the ruling BJP.

877 NEWBORN DIE IN MEGHALAYA IN LAST FOUR MONTHS

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	31	25	Mumbai	30	25
Bhopal	26	22	Panaji	30	25
Jaipur	31	25	Patna	33	27
Amritsar	34	26	Lucknow	33	26
Chennai	35	28	Port Blair	32	26
Kolkata	32	26	Imphal	30	23
Srinagar	33	17	Chandigarh	30	26

BSF detects tunnel from Pakistan

Sandbags with markings of Karachi factories found at tunnel's mouth along Jammu border

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

IN an important breakthrough, the Border Security Force (BSF) has detected a tunnel originating from Pakistan along the International Border (IB) in Samba sector of Jammu and Kashmir and recovered sandbags with Karachi markings.

BSF IG, Jammu, N S Jamwal said the border guards deployed along the border in Samba had been receiving inputs about the existence of a tunnel from Pakistan. "Special teams were formed and anti-tunneling drive launched all along IB of Jammu region," he said.

During the operation, the BSF men on Friday evening detected the 25-ft deep tunnel about 150 meters inside the border fencing in the field of a local farmer near Galar area. The tunnel was about 3-4 feet in diameter and its mouth was reinforced with the sandbags. "Pakistan-made sandbags with marking of Shakargarh and Karachi factories were found at the mouth of the tunnel to hide it," Jamwal said, adding that it appeared to be a freshly dug tunnel. The nearest Pakistani post across the border is nearly 400 metres from the tunnel, officials said.

BSF jawans stand near the mouth of a tunnel after it was found along the India-Pakistan border in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba region | PTI

This detection has foiled Pakistan's nefarious design to facilitate terrorist infiltrations into India. The BSF officer said it is clear digging such a long tunnel cannot take place without the hand of the Pakistan establishment.

In the past also, BSF had detected tunnels along the IB originating from the Pakistani side. Pulwama terror attack accused Muhammad Umar Farooq, the nephew of Jaish-e-Mohammad found Masood Azhar, had entered India through an underground tunnel in 2018, according to the NIA charge sheet.

In September 2017, BSF detected an unfinished 2.5 ft deep tunnel in Jammu's Arnia sector. On February 13, the same year, it had detected a tunnel along the IB in Ramgarh sector of Jammu and recovered 2 AK-47 magazines, 1 hand grenade, 1 magazine pouch, 13 Duracell, 9 pencil cells, 3 head lamps used for digging, compass, three Haver sac among other things.

J&K: 3 Hizbul militants, soldier killed in gunfight

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THREE Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) militants and an Army soldier were killed on Saturday in a gunfight in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district.

A search operation was launched by security forces on a specific input regarding the presence of militants in Zadoora village in south Kashmir, a police spokesman said.

The militants fired upon the joint search party of the forces which retaliated. One jawan also received critical injuries and was shifted to hospital for treatment where he succumbed, the spokesman said.

In the ensuing encounter, three militants were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site, the spokesman said. He identified them as Adil Hafiz, Arshid Ahmad Dar and Rouf Ahmad Mir, all residents of Pulwama and affiliated with terror outfit HM.

With this, 7 terrorists have been killed in the last 2 days.

NOT IN POWER GAME

SARMA'S OPT-OUT TWEET LINKED TO CAREER STAGNANCY

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR
@ Guwahati

ASSAM finance minister and BJP stalwart Himanta Biswa Sarma's announcement on social media that he will not contest next year's state assembly elections appears to be based on an assessment that his prospects of becoming the chief minister are remote.

The BJP's central leadership is understood to be comfortable with incumbent CM Sarbananda Sonowal. This comes in the way of Sarma's longstanding ambition for the top job and many feel his decision to not contest the polls is driven by this reality.

At 51, he is seen as young in politics. Sarma left the Congress in 2015 after nearly two decades in the party following an unsuccessful revolt against Congress veteran and the then Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi.

His desire for chief ministership was not met by the party high command even though he had the support of most party MLAs. This prompted him to join the BJP one year ahead of the assembly elections in 2016.

Many at that time felt that if the BJP came to power, he would be the automatic choice for the CM's post. But after the results came, the saffron party chose Sonowal, at that time the union sports minister, over Sarma, dashing the hopes of the BJP's go-to man.

When asked about his political future, Sarma refused to comment beyond what he has already tweeted. Earlier, he had rubbished speculation that he was after any post or position.

"As I have already indicated in several public platforms that I am not interested in contesting next assembly election; my role will be limited to contribute whatever I can for my party and for my state. For Assam future, we need to have a strong nationalist govt," Sarma tweeted earlier in the week.

"Few people feel that I am after some post and position. My only ambition is to see a BJP GOVT with 100+ seats. In my last few months, I want to work for my state as much as possible to have eternal satisfaction. Janani Janmabhumishcha Swargadapi Gariyas," another tweet said.

Speculation is now rife that the BJP might use his services in Delhi so that he can play a bigger role. He had expressed his willingness to contest the 2019 Lok Sabha elections from Tezpur but the then BJP chief Amit Shah vetoed it as he wanted Sarma to focus on the Northeast.

Party insiders said he might be looking to get some relief from the "stagnancy" after having served the state as a minister for 20 years. Currently, he is the minister for finance, health and education. Even his critics do not question his abilities as a minister.

Assam's minister of state for health Pijush Hazarika, who is considered close to Sarma, said his senior had given his best service to the state for long.

"My personal view is that if he doesn't contest the upcoming election, it will be a loss for the state. We are workers of a disciplined party and we abide by party decisions. I request him not to take such a decision. If he stays, it will be good for the state," Hazarika said.

A master election strategist who is widely known for his political acumen, Sarma had been instrumental in scripting victories for the BJP in Assam, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura.

He has walked the extra mile during the Covid-19 pandemic, meeting patients and motivating health workers round the clock. Netizens praised the manner in which he prepared the state's Health department to fight the pandemic.

Given his strong performance during the current health emergency, his announcement that he will not contest the polls left many stumped.

SARMA'S ACHIEVEMENTS

- **1980s -early 1990s:** Was actively involved in student politics. Served as general secretary of Cotton College Students' Union in Guwahati.
- LLB and PhD from Gauhati University.
- **1996-2001:** Was a practising lawyer at Gauhati HC
- He joined Congress in 1990s and contested state polls from Jalukbari seat in Guwahati in 2001. He defeated Bhrigu Kumar Phukan, a prominent leader of Asom Gana Parishad. He won 2006, 2011 and 2016 elections from the same seat.
- Joined BJP in 2015 after a fallout with his then mentor and Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi of Congress.
- **2016:** Was appointed as convenor of non-Congress and BJP-led conglomerate of political parties called North East Democratic Alliance.
- **2017:** Was elected as the president of Badminton Association of India.

TAKING A STAND

With dictatorship barb, Sonia tears into Modi

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

WITHOUT naming any political party or individual, Congress president Sonia Gandhi said on Saturday that the nation was witnessing a "growing influence of dictatorship in our democracy."

Gracing the bhoomi-pujan of the new Chhattisgarh Assembly building at the new capital, Naya Raipur, she alleged that the influence of *tanashahi* (dictatorship) over *lokshahi* (democracy) was getting stronger and said that bad thinking was subjugating good thoughts. The Congress leader said democratic institutions were being destroyed and "anti-national and anti-poor forces" were spreading "hatred and the venom of violence".

Sonia said there was an attempt to silence the people. " They want our youth, tribals, our women, our farmers, businessmen, our jawans and the people of the country to remain silent and keep their mouth shut," she said. While mentioning that the nation would complete 75 years of independence two years from now, she said Mahatma Gandhi, G V Mavalankar (who was Speaker of the Constituent Assembly) and B R Ambedkar would have never imagined that India would face such a difficult situation.

"The legislature remains the biggest pillar of our democracy. Parliament and legislative assemblies are sacred temples of democracy that safeguard our Constitution. But it should be kept in mind that the Constitution will not be saved through buildings, it will be protected by emotions," she added.

CONGRESS SHOOTS ANOTHER LETTER TO FB

The Congress leadership on Saturday wrote another letter to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg after *Time Magazine* reported that the BJP has been allowed to exercise control over WhatsApp's India operations, possibly in return for a license to begin its payment operations. Congress general secretary (Organisation), KC Venugopal told Zuckerberg that "more than one person in your company's leadership team in India is biased and partisan in favour of the ruling BJP in their professional endeavours"

NC panel meets first time after Art 370 abrogation

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A meeting of the political affairs committee (PAC) of the National Conference began here on Saturday, the first such gathering of the top decision-making body of the party after the revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status in August last year.

The PAC meeting began at party headquarters Nawa-i-Subah here under the chairmanship of National Confenence president Farooq Abdullah, a NC leader said.

He said party's vice president Omar Abdullah and other senior leaders, including general secretary Ali Mohammad Sagar, are present in the meeting.

The leaders from the Jammu region, who are part of the PAC, have joined via video conference, the NC leader added.

This is the first meeting of the NC's political affairs committee after the Centre revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status in August last year and divided the erstwhile state into two union territories Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Last week, Farooq Abdullah held meetings with over a dozen party leaders, in batches over three days, at his Gupkar residence.

Allahabad HC refuses to allow tazia processions

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Allahabad High Court on Saturday dismissed all the petitions seeking permission for burial of 'tazia' and also taking out processions on Muharram. A High Court division bench comprising Justice Shashi Kant Gupta and Justice Shamim Ahmed, on Friday had reserved its judgment on petitions filed by Roshan Khan and several others seeking permission to carry out Tazia processions.

The petitioners had argued that any restriction on processions during Muharram was in violation of their fundamental right of freedom to practise religion.

The court also rejected the plea of the petitioners that the state government's order in this regard was discriminatory. The bench said the state administration had put restrictions on all the religious events in the wake of Covid-19. No discrimination, whatsoever, seemed to have been made against any particular community, said the court. The bench said even the traditional tableaux procession on the occasion of Janmashtami and Ganesh Chaturthi Pandals were banned by the Uttar Pradesh government.

BIHAR POLLS

Ensure all candidates win: Nadda to MPs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

BJP chief J P Nadda on Saturday asked his party MPs from Bihar to take the onus to ensure the victory of all NDA candidates in the Assembly polls, likely to be held in October-November. Nadda also asked MPs to camp in 60 panchayats each next month.

The BJP president along with Bihar in-charge and national general secretary Bhupender Yadav held strategy meetings with the MPs.

"The MPs have also been asked to celebrate the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 17 as Sewa Diwas (service day) by camping in their respective constituencies in reaching out with relief works to the people affected by the Covid-19 and floods," said a senior BJP functionary.

EXPRESS READ

Sakshi Maharaj put in home quarantine

Giridih: BJP MP Sakshi Maharaj was forcibly home quarantined on Saturday for 14-day for violating Covid norms, a district official said. The MP from UP had come to Giridih, over 200-km from Ranchi, to take part in a programme from Unnao via Dhanbad. Maharaj, who was returning to Dhanbad by road to take a train to Delhi, was intercepted by the district administration near Pirtand police station and sent on quarantine at Shanti Bhawan ashram.

JUDICIARY

SC regional imbalance set to become greater

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

WITH Justice Arun Mishra set to retire on September 2, the strength of the Supreme Court judges will not only get reduced to 30 from the total 34 but the regional imbalance will get further accentuated.

As many as nine high courts are not represented at all in the apex court and with Justice Mishra's retirement, this will rise to 10. Justice Mishra belongs to Madhya Pradesh and he is currently the only representative from the state.

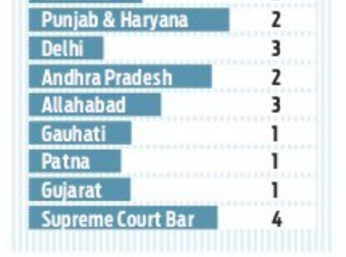
The high courts of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Tripura, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Manipur, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Odisha have no judges in the Supreme Court currently.

Contrast this with only four high courts — Delhi, Allahabad, Bombay and Karnataka—and the SC Bar having 17 judges. This constitutes about 55% of all the apex court judges.

Though there are no specific rules to maintain a regional balance, the Supreme Court collegium and the government have tried their best to give representation to all high courts.

Regional representation is a Supreme Court judge's parent high court, or the court where they first became a high court judge. One can also become a Supreme Court judge directly while being a lawyer in a high court.

Six high courts, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura and Sikkim, have never had a Supreme Court judge. Until recently, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand had one judge each. But Justice Deepak Gupta, who represented Himachal Pradesh, retired in May this year.



Goddess Durga in a new avatar

Keeping the present Covid situation in mind, idols of Goddess Durga will be seen sporting a mask and a face shield this year. The deity, according to idol makers, will also be adorned with weapons like hand sanitiser and gloves instead of the usual ones like sword used for killing dragon - Coronavirus. As preparations are on for Dussehra, idol makers across the city are approached by people who want coronavirus theme to be implemented in the idols. Moreover, Durga Puja pandals in Ranchi this year could depict coronavirus as demon Mahishasura.

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RANCHI DIARY

7 Iron ore mine leases to be reserved for state use

With an aim to give a boost to state economy, seven iron ore mines located in West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand, will now be reserved for government projects. The decision, according to Government, has been taken to enable people to get the benefit of natural resources. The state government, however, has to take the consent of the Centre for taking control of the seven mines. The mine leases include Shah Brothers in West Singhbhum, Rameshwara Jute Mills Ltd has iron-ore operations in the mineral rich Barajamda (256.99 hectares), Nirmal Kumar Pradeep Kumar, Ghatkuri, Padam Kumar Jain, Thakurani, Mishrilal Jain and Sons , Karampada, Shah Brothers, Karampada, Runtga Mines Ghatkuri and R Medical & Company, Karampada.

Parent's feedback for reopening schools

Jharkhand Education Project Council (JEPC) has sought feedback from parents whether they want schools to reopen looking at the outbreak of coronavirus pandemic. In the feedback form made available on the JEPC website, parents have been asked whether they will send their children to school if it opens for matric and inter students. The parents, through the feedback form, also need to inform whether they have smartphones, computer and internet connection in their homes for online classes. The state will take decision after taking due consent from the Education min.

Tree ambulance for ailing trees

In a first of its kind initiative, the Agriculture and Biotechnology department of RKDF University has launched Tree-ambulance to provide services to the ailing trees in Ranchi. The initiative, according to University professors, will help trees in bearing fruits. Besides providing treatment, the tree ambulance will also work towards conservation of trees and protect them from drying up due to lack of care or various other reasons. In addition to that, people can also ask for assistance for their plants in their premises on a toll-free number. One tree ambulance has been launched. Three more ambulances will come up within a month or so.

14 people
were killed after Hurricane Laura slammed into the southern US states of Louisiana and Texas, authorities and local media said

GLOBAL WEATHER

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Beijing	30	21	LC	Los Angeles	26	16	SNY
Colombo	30	25	HR	Melbourne	19	7	LC
Doha	40	31	SNY	Moscow	24	17	LR
Dubai	42	32	SNY	New York	28	17	SNY
Houston	35	25	SNY	Singapore	30	25	HR
Istanbul	31	20	SNY	Toronto	23	15	LC
London	18	11	LC	Washington DC	29	20	SNY

Humongous turnout at Washington march

Harris also addressed the Friday demonstration dubbed 'Get Your Knee Off Our Necks,' in reference to George Floyd

WASHINGTON

TENS of thousands of protesters demanding an end to racial injustice and police brutality thronged the US capital on Friday, signaling a renewed groundswell of anger gripping the nation following a white officer's shooting of African-American Jacob Blake.

Crowds flooded the National Mall for a mass march marking the anniversary of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr's historic "I have a dream" speech on August 28, 1963.

Friday's demonstration was dubbed "Get Your Knee Off Our Necks," in reference to George Floyd, who suffocated beneath the knee of a white officer in Minneapolis in May, igniting the most widespread civil unrest in decades.

Al Sharpton, the civil rights activist who gave the eulogy at Floyd's funeral, told the crowd it was time for a "new conversation" with America.

"We need to have a conversation about your racism, about your bigotry, about your hate, about how you would put your knee on our neck while we cry for our lives," he said.

Like his father 57 years ago, Martin Luther King III stood on the Lincoln Memorial steps and urged Americans to keep fighting inequality — and to vote in November at all costs to defeat President Donald Trump.

MLK's granddaughter, 12-year-old Yolanda King, also spoke, telling the nation's youth they would "be the generation that dismantles systemic racism once and for all."

"Baby girl, tell your people!" a woman cried out.

Thousands of marchers, among them many families with children, streamed towards the event from dawn, with Covid-19 masks mandatory — but planned temperature checks were abandoned due to long queues.

Joe Biden's running mate Kamala Harris, the first woman of colour on a major party ticket, addressed the march by video and recalled the previous generation's civil rights heroes.

"If they were with us today, they would share in our anger and frustration as we continue to see black men and women slain in our streets, and left behind by an economy and justice system that have too often denied black folks our dignity and rights," she said. *AFP*

(Left) A protester carries a sign that reads "Racism is a pandemic" in Washington, on Friday. (Right) A sea of people at the 'Commitment March: Get Your Knee Off Our Necks' protest against racism and police brutality at the Lincoln Memorial | AP/AFP

NBA playoffs to resume

WASHINGTON: NBA playoff games are set to resume on Saturday, but players are determined to keep the focus on the fight for social justice and racial equality with the help from club owners and the league. Players and the league agreed to form a social justice coalition to address a broad range of issues including access to voting, promoting civic engagement and police and criminal justice reform

We must never forget the American nightmare of racist violence exemplified when Emmett Till was murdered on this day in 1955, and the criminal justice system failed to convict his killers. Sixty-five years later, we still struggle for justice — demilitarising the police, dismantling mass incarceration, and declaring as determinately as we can that Black lives matter

Martin Luther King III

Belarus withdraws accreditation of journos

MINSK

BELARUSIAN authorities on Saturday withdrew the accreditation of several foreign media journalists, including *AFP*, ahead of the latest demonstration challenging the results of the presidential election.

Government spokesman Anatoly Glaz said the decision was taken on the recommendation of the country's counter-terrorism unit. He did not specify how many journalists were affected by the measure, but foreign media including the *BBC* and *Radio Liberty* reported the withdrawal of accreditation of several of their journalists.

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, who has been in power since 1994, is facing an unprecedented protest movement since the disputed August 9 election in which he claimed a landslide victory with some 80 per cent of the vote.

The results of the election have been rejected by the EU, which is preparing sanctions against high-ranking Belarusian officials and has urged Lukashenko to set up a dialogue with the opposition. *AFP*

Extensive travel plan for Biden in the works

WASHINGTON

AFTER spending a pandemic spring and summer tethered almost entirely to his Delaware home, Joe Biden plans to take his presidential campaign to battleground states after Labour Day in his bid to unseat President Donald Trump.

No itinerary is set, according to the Democratic nominee's campaign, but the former vice president and his allies say his plan is to highlight contrasts with Trump, from policy arguments tailored to specific audiences to the strict public health guidelines the Biden campaign says its events will follow amid Covid-19.

"He will go wherever he needs to go," said Biden's campaign co-chairman Cedric Richmond, a Louisiana congressman. "And we will do it in a way the health experts would be happy" with and "not the absolutely irresponsible manner you saw at the White House."

Richmond said it was "always the plan" for Biden and his running mate Kamala Harris to travel more extensively after Labour Day, the traditional mark of the campaign's home stretch when more casual voters begin to pay close attention.

Trump and Republicans have for months mocked Biden as "hiding in his basement," because Biden has anchored his campaign from his Wilmington, Delaware, residence since mid-March, when public health officials first recommended that Americans severely limit close social contact. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Italian coastguard vessel helps rescue Banksy's migrant boat

ROME: An Italian coastguard vessel came to the rescue Saturday of a rescue vessel funded by British street artist Banksy, which sent out a distress signal on Saturday, with more than 200 migrants onboard. The German-flagged MV Louise Michel said it was stranded and needed urgent help after lending assistance to a boat that was carrying at least one dead migrant. The 31-metre vessel's crew said it was overcrowded and unable to move after encountering another boat attempting to cross the expanse of sea dividing Europe and Africa with 130 people on board.

RIOTS IN SWEDEN AFTER QURAN BURNING

STOCKHOLM: Far-right activists burned a Quran in the southern Swedish city of Malmo, sparking riots and unrest after more than 300 people gathered to protest, police said on Saturday. Rioters set fires and threw objects at police and rescue services Friday night, slightly injuring several police officers and leading to the detention of about 15 people. The violence followed the burning Friday afternoon of a Quran, near a predominantly migrant neighbourhood, that was carried out by far-right activists and filmed and posted online, according to the *TT* news agency. Later, three people were arrested on suspicion of inciting hatred against an ethnic group after kicking the Muslim holy book. *AP*

Trump calls White House protesters 'thugs'

LONDONDERRY

FRESH off accepting the Republican Party's nomination, President Donald Trump said on Friday he was the only thing standing between "democracy and the mob," as he lashed out at protesters who accosted his supporters as they left the White House the night before.

Sowing fear about the implications of a Joe Biden victory to battleground state voters, Trump held a rally in New Hampshire on Friday evening. Looking to close his Democratic rival's lead with just over two months until Election Day, Trump was launching an aggressive travel schedule — and continuing to flout coronavirus guidelines.

Some guests at the political event, including Kentucky Senator Rand Paul, needed to be escorted by police officers to safety upon leaving the White House grounds. "They walked out to a bunch of thugs," Trump said, criticising District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser for not doing more to protect his supporters.

It marked his latest attempt to frame the general election as a dire choice between two futures for the nation — a theme he was expected to amplify on the campaign trail.

Trump said he directed White House chief of staff Mark Meadows to study how to call in the National Guard to the nation's capital. Trump previously ordered federal troops to the District in May amid protests over the killing of George Floyd in the custody of Minneapolis police.

"The agitators will go from rioting in the streets to running the halls of government," he added, saying voters needed to support him to "save democracy from the mob." *AP*

UAE formally ends boycott, 1st Israel flight on Monday

DUBAI

The ruler of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) issued a decree on Saturday formally ending the country's boycott of Israel amid a US-brokered deal to normalise relations between the two countries.

The announcement now allows trade and commerce between the UAE, home to oil-rich Abu Dhabi and skyscraper-studded Dubai, and Israel, home to a thriving diamond trade, pharmaceutical companies and tech start-ups.

The announcement further cements the August 13 deal opening up relations between the two nations, which required Israel to halt its contentious plan to annex occupied West Bank land sought by the Palestinians. But Palestinians so far have criticised the accord as undercutting one of its few bargaining chips with Israelis in moribund peace negotiations.

The state-run *WAM* news agency said the decree formally ending the boycott came on the orders of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi and the Emirates' leader.

WAM said the new decree allows Israelis and Israeli firms to do business in the UAE, a US-allied federation of seven sheikhdoms on the Arabian Peninsula. It also allows for the purchase and trade of Israeli goods.

On Monday, the first direct commercial flight by Israel's flagship carrier El Al is expected in Abu Dhabi, carrying US and Israeli officials including Donald Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner. Telephone calls already can be made between the nations. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

Three aides of Hafiz Saeed sentenced for terror financing

A Pakistani court on Wednesday convicted on terror financing charges three associates of a radical cleric wanted by Washington for his role in the 2008 Mumbai attacks. Two of the militants, Malik Zafar Iqbal and Abdul Salam Bhattvi, were sentenced to five years in jail, while the third, Abdul Rehman Makki, received an 18-month sentence from the court in Lahore, the counter-terrorism department said. The three men are close associates of Hafiz Saeed, the founder and chief of Lashkar-e-Taiba. The three men were found guilty of collecting funds for Saeed's charity organisations, Jamaat-ud-Dawa and Falah-e-Insaniat, which are alleged fronts for Lashkar-e-Taiba

INDONESIA

Mine resumes operations after lockdown protest

Operations have resumed at the world's biggest gold mine in Indonesia, the company that runs it said on Saturday, after workers blocked access to the site in protest at being stopped from visiting their families over virus concerns. The miners at the Grasberg complex reached an agreement with the US-based operator Freeport, which said it would resume bus services for workers to return home. Several buses departed on Friday, carrying some workers who had been granted a leave of absence

SRI LANKA

Constitution revamp process to begin soon, says minister

The reform process of the Sri Lankan Constitution would be underway very soon after the government abolished the 19th Amendment that curtailed the powers of the president and strengthened the role of Parliament. Minister of Information Keheliya Rambukwella said the new government will first abolish the 19th Amendment "which created a lot of confusion and instability within the government". "The people have given us a mandate to bring in a new Constitution which will address all issues", Rambukwella insisted. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa outlined his commitment to abolish the 19th Amendment during his ceremonial address to Parliament last week

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the Notice of the general Public that I **Gowramma** W/o. Krishnappa Aged 58 years, Residing at Yarthiganahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist., bring to the Notice that Original sale deed dated 21.02.1980 registered as document No. 1527/1979-80 of Book-1 volume 1245, pages 116 to 117, in the office of the Sub Registrar Devanahalli executed by Mallenahalli Hanumappa & Anjanappa in favour of Gowramma for the vacant site bearing No. 36, Keneshumari katha 25, **situated at Yarthiganhalli, Kasaba Hobli Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural,** Measuring **East to West** : 30 ft, **North to South** : 115 ft. Its Original Sale Deed has lost while shifting to a new house. A police complaint has been lodged for the lost document at the International Airport Police Station Devanahalli Taluk. If anybody found the document or in illegal procession can hand over the same to the above address within **7 days.**

Sd/- **GOWARAMMA**
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Public are hereby informed that I **B. VIJAYALAKSHMI** W/o. Mr. Rajagopal No. 1, D.Venkataswamy Layout, Devasandra K.R.Puram, Bangalore-560 036 have lost the following original documents on 26.08.2020 and in this regard, I have lodged a Police complaint on 28.08.2020 with Hoskote Police Station under Ref. No. 245/2020.

a. Agreement of Sale dated 30.06.2011, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Hoskote, as Doc. No. HSK-1-002045-2011-12, entered in Book 1, stored in CD No. HSKD198, dated 30.06.2011;
b. Absolute Sale Deed dated 17.12.2012, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Hoskote, as Doc. No. HSK-1-08733-2012-13, entered in Book 1, stored in CD No. HSKD329, dated 17.12.2012; and
c. Deed of Cancellation of the portion of Sale Agreement dated 18.03.2013, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Hoskote, as Doc. No. HSK-1-12513-2012-13, entered in Book 1, stored in CD No. HSKD367, dated 18.03.2013.

Incase anybody finds the said documents, the same be returned to the undersigned.

Sd/- **B. VIJAYALAKSHMI**
Mobile : 9742888888 Date : 29.08.2020

MADURAI CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
"SWACHH BHARAT MISSION"
Ma.Po.5/Est.570/19-20 **TENDER NOTIFICATION NO.48/2020** Date : 29.08.2020

1.On behalf of Madurai Corporation. **The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation** invites Sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for following works under **SWACHH BHARAT MISSION.**

Sl.No.	Name of work	Value Put to Tender	EMD
1.	**Ma.Po.5/Est.570/19-20 & Ma.Po.6/Est.68/19-20** Purchase of Amphibian Equipments 1 No in Madurai Corporation and Operation and Maintenance for Six months for 1 No. of multipurpose amphibian machine for excavation and dredging works in water bodies and natural drains in Madurai Corporation	Rs. 8.57 Crores	1%

2. Date, Time and Venue for the Per-Bid meeting : 14.09.2020, 4.30 PM. at Conference Hall O/o. **Madurai Corporation , Aringar Anna Maligai, Madurai -625 002. 3.** Form of Contract : **Two Cover System. 4.** The bid documents will be available in **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in, https://tntenders.gov.in** from **31.08.2020 to 29.09.2020, upto 3.00 P.M. and** bid opening will be on **29.09.2020, 3.30 PM 5.** The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation Reserves the rights to accept or reject any bid or and reject all the bids at any time without assigning any reason thereof. Eligibility criteria and other details can be had from the Bidding document. **6.** Bids must be submitted to the **"The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation, Aringnar Anna Maligai, Thallakulam, Madurai - 625 002",** in person on or before **3.00 PM** on **29.09.2020** and bids will be opened on **29.09.2020** at **3.30 PM**, in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the bids as specified, the bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. **7.** E-mail Address**: commr.madurai@tn.gov.in, Contact No: 0452-2532412.**

DIPR/3247 /TENDER/2020 **Commissioner, Madurai Corporation**

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule –8 (1)](For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore under the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with (rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 18.06.2020 calling upon the borrower **M/s.Dhanvanti Global Enterprises** represented by its Partners Sri.H.V.Prabhakar and Smt.R.Sushma both residing at # 93, 7th Main, 4th Cross, Srinivasanagar Bangalore- 560050 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.59,12,493/- (Rupees Fiifty Nine Lakhs Twelve Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Three Only)** as on **31.05.2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 25th day of August 2020.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Shankarmutt Road Branch, Bangalore for an amount of **Rs.59,12,493/- (Rupees Fiifty Nine Lakhs Twelve Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Three Only)** as on **31.05.2020** plus interest from 01/06/2020 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description Of The Entire Property: SCHEDULE - A: All that Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing No.93 PID No.54-364-93, New PID No.163-W0036-3 formed in Survey No.7 of Gerehalli Layout Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore, now Srinivasa Nagar, 1st Phase, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.54, New Ward No.163 measuring East to West 30ft and North to South 45ft in all measuring 1350sq.ft Comprising of Ground Floor 800sqft First Floor 800sqft, constructed with RCC roof Ceramic Flooring, Jungle Wood Doors and Windows with amenities and bounded as under : East by : Site No.92, West by : Site No.94, North by : Road, South by : Site No.96.

SCHEDULE-B: All that Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing No.93/1, PID No.54-364-93/1,situated in the first floor of the Schedule-A Property bearing No.93, BBMP PID No.54-364-93, New Pid No.163-W0036-3, formed in Survey No.7 of Gerehalli Layout Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore, now Srinivasa Nagar, 1st Phase, Bangalore, with built up area of 800sqft constructed with RCC Roof, Ceramic Flooring, Jungle Wood Doors and Windows, with right over common area, setbacks and stearcase, together with 50% undivided Right, title and Interest equal to 675sq.ft in the land of the Schedule 'A' Property with amenities.

Date: 25.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd

EXPRESS READ

Italian coastguard vessel helps rescue Banksy's migrant boat

ROME: An Italian coastguard vessel came to the rescue Saturday of a rescue vessel funded by British street artist Banksy, which sent out a distress signal on Saturday, with more than 200 migrants onboard. The German-flagged MV Louise Michel said it was stranded and needed urgent help after lending assistance to a boat that was carrying at least one dead migrant. The 31-metre vessel's crew said it was overcrowded and unable to move after encountering another boat attempting to cross the expanse of sea dividing Europe and Africa with 130 people on board.

₹399 cr Consolidated net loss reported by Suzlon Energy in the April-June quarter compared to last year mainly due to lower revenues

Judgement day looms for Voda Idea

The Supreme Court Bench hearing the crucial AGR case may deliver verdict before Sept 2

JONATHAN ANANDA @ New Delhi

`3,450 cr Vodafone-Idea's cash chest as of June 2020. It has paid up `7,854 crore as AGR dues over the last few months

₹215 cr Total annual payout for AGR dues to DoT by Vodafone Idea over 15 years

₹130 cr Total annual payout for AGR dues by Bharti Airtel over 15 years, according to official data

VODAFONE Idea (VIL), once India's largest telecom service provider, stands on a cliff edge. On one side is relative safety, a chance to shrug off recent misfortunes and consolidate its not-inconsiderable resources. On the other is a precipice, and a swift, near-certain descent into insolvency.

VIL has stood here for months now, but Judgement Day (quite literally) is set to arrive within the week. If things go as expected, the Supreme Court Bench hearing the crucial AGR liabilities case will deliver its verdict before September 2—when one of the judges, Justice Arun Mishra, will retire.

The question: Should licenseholders such as Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea be allowed more time to pay off their remaining dues? It will also decide on whether companies that took over spectrum assets from bankrupt firms are liable for the dues of the latter. But, this is rather less important for VIL than for rivals Airtel and Reliance Jio, who may end up having to pay a portion of dues owed by Reliance Communications, Aircel, and Videocon Telecommunications. For VIL, the problem is cash. In that, it doesn't have much. Both promoters—the Aditya Birla Group and Vodafone Plc—had long ago ruled out any chance of capital infusion; and VIL's cash chest had just about ₹3,450 crore as of June, 2020. Rather puny beside ₹50,400-odd crore, which is what it currently owes the Department of Telecom (DoT). Its liabilities had started out larger, but it has paid up ₹7,854 crore over the past few months. If the SC decides to allow the government to implement a staggered payment schedule spanning 10 or 15 years (the Bench shot down the original plea for a 20-year timeframe), VIL will have been granted a thin, but sure, lifeline. Thin, because it would still have to cough up an annual ₹5,900 crore 15 years at 8% interest) or ₹7,500 crore (10 years).

Despite already haemorrhaging subscribers, analysts note that it would have no choice but to raise prices sharply. A difficult proposition, especially since both rivals—Airtel and Jio—are in far better financial shape. But, if the SC decides to call in the dues in one shot, as it had initially done last year, the proposition before VIL may become impossible.

Huge profits from Covid-19 to taper off for pharma cos

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

AFTER a robust performance in the first quarter of the ongoing financial year (Q1 FY21), profits in the pharmaceutical sector may take a hit in the days to come with increased competition and a likely moderation in prices.

Segments such as the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) — the key ingredient in medicines — saw its revenue grow 31 per cent year-on-year and 18 per cent sequentially during the quarter under review. This was largely of higher pricing opportunities, lower operating expenses and export business as drug companies, domestic and global, started scouting for non-Chinese sources for raw materials, following Covid-19. Most analysts, however, expect this growth in the API business to taper off as companies normalise their buying patterns.

"The restricted movement of medical representatives and other cost savings in terms of manpower rationalisation, due to the lockdown led to the operating expenses declining 8 per cent y-o-y and 19 per cent q-o-q in the quarter, aiding profitability. However, the sudden demand that had led to prices of some APIs' increasing significantly is likely to normalise as the unlock phase gains momentum globally and in India and companies may not be able to sustain their healthy operating performance," said Krishnanath Munde, senior pharma analyst and associate director at India Ratings & Reseach.

After a brief lull in March and April, exports in May were up by a stronger 17.3 per cent backed by easing lockdown restrictions and demand for antivirals and antibiotics for treatment of Covid-19.

The industry, however, will continue to see steady demand from the domestic as well as international markets. During the lockdown period, demand from segments like women healthcare, dermatology and orthopaedic were impacted as treatment for such ailments were kept on hold, while demand for antibiotics, cold and cough gained traction in the domestic market. "With relief in various restrictions in place, the industry is expected to see pent up demand for treatments that were postponed which will support the demand for drugs," brokerage firm Care Ratings said in note.

Drug ban hits exports

Imposition of export ban on 26 drugs by the government led to a substantial 22.8% fall in pharma outbound shipments in the March, according to official data.

Had it not been for this, the exports would have grown by a higher 11.7% during FY20, says analysts at Care Ratings.

DIGITAL BOOST

KKR's global investments touches $30 bn

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

DESPITE private equity/ venture capital investments in India recording a 51 per cent year-on-year slump in July, 2020, the stakeholders are seeing early green shoots in the funding sector with a lookout for companies that offer resilience to crisis as well as innovation.

According to Prashant Kumar, managing director of American private equity giant KKR's India arm, the Covid-19 has infact provided an opportunity for long term investments. Kumar added that KKR's global investments during the first half of 2020 touched $30 billion when the world was reeling under the pandemic.

During a webinar organised by the Associated Chambers of Commerce of India (Assocham), Kumar said that some of the major investments during this period were in India's digital platform Reliance Jio, an e-commerce firm in China among others. KKR has pumped in $1.5 billion in Mukesh Ambani's Jio io for a 2.3 per cent stake earlier.

Unlike the recession in 2008, the investors now have a multi-pronged strategy and are showing keen interest in both Covid-proof as well as Covid-hit sectors. "Healthcare, e-commerce, education were some of the sectors where active interest was seen," said Kumar.

SIS India is confident of maintaining growth despite Covid-19 headwinds

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

SECURITY services and facility management provider Security and Intelligence Services India (SIS India) is confident of maintaining growth this financial year even as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to impact economic activity and force corporates to cut down their expenses.

"We reported growth in Q1FY21 when there was a complete shutdown for nearly 40 days. Going forward, the normalcy in international operations and no cost attitude of clients in respect to maintaining hygiene and safety protocol will drive growth for us," Rituraj Kishore Sinha, Group Managing Director, SIS India told this publication. The company has seen an 8 per cent rise in consolidated revenues, year-on-year (y-o-y), to ₹2,167 crore for the quarter ending June 30. However, its profits plunged 23 per cent to ₹58 crore.

Nearly 40 per cent of the group's revenue comes from overseas operations while the rest comes from security solutions in India as well as facility management services and cash logistics business. To further grow its business, the the Group will focus on organic opportunities rather than expanding its geographical presence. Explaining diversification, Sinha said the Group has no single customer which bills them more than 1 per cent of their revenue.

"Contribution from segments like retail/ entertainment/ hospitality took a hit but there continues to be demand from pharma and banking sector," Sinha said. SIS has bagged about 1,600 new contracts between April and June, 2020.

The dimension when India's GDP grow at 5-7 per cent, spending on infra projects goes up and we grow roughly at 15 per cent. With muted activities, we grow at 2-5%

Rituraj Kishore Sinha, Group Managing Director, SIS India

EXPRESS READ

GSTN starts provides auto-drafted ITC

New Delhi: The GST Network on Saturday started providing auto-drafted input tax credit (ITC) statement GSTR-2B which would assist the taxpayers in determining their ITC liability, it said in a statement. GSTN handles the IT backbone of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Jute body urges govt to withdraw cap on stock

New Delhi: The Jute Balers' Association has urged the Centre to withdraw the control measure on raw jute holding, saying that it will prevent farmers from getting remunerative prices. The Jute Commissioner capped raw jute holding at 1,500 quintals on own or third party account.

Govt offers easy loans for low-cost homes

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a move to help financing the affordable housing segment, the Finance Ministry has included 'Affordable Rental Housing Complex' (ARHC) in a harmonised master list of infrastructure sub-sectors.

"Affordable Rental Housing Complex is included in the Harmonized Master List of Infrastructure sub-sectors by insertion of a new item in the category of Social and Commercial Infrastructure," a notification issued by Economic Affairs Department of the Finance Ministry said.

Affordable Rental Housing Complex is included in the Harmonized Master List of Infrastructure sub-sectors by insertion of a new item

Department of Economic Affairs

The move will help in getting more investment for the projects and will help these projects to secure long-term finance from bank and financial institutions at easier terms. ARHC was announced under part of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan announced in May this year.

This means that foreign investors can either invest in such projects directly or through alternate investment funds (AIFs) or infrastructure investment trusts (In-vITS) that will open funding options for such project. Also, income from investments in rental housing for lower income groups will be exempted from income tax.

"Affordable rental housing complex" has been defined as as a project to be used for rental purpose only for urban migrant or poor, economically weaker sections or lower income group, for a minimum period of 25 years with basic civic infrastructure facilities such as water, sanitation, sewage or septage, road, electricity along with necessary social and commercial infrastructure with a minimum of 40 dwelling units of double room or single room or equivalent dormitory units or mix of all three.

BINGE DRINKING

'Despite pandemic, beer market looks promising'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE pandemic may have brought the Indian consumer market to record lows, but despite the disruption, United Breweries believes that the country's large market for beer is likely to see many new entrants and acquisitions.

In its annual report, the company said that the country's beer market has been strengthening due to the steady rise in disposable income, a rising preference for low alcohol beverages, and gradual, but steady, social acceptance. These three factors, it added, will propel "huge growth in the coming years". The company currently produces some of India's largest alcoholic brands such as the Kingfisher range of beer.

It also expects exports to rise in tandem with the domestic market. "The maturing beer market combined with the support of government incentives on exports will positively open up higher export potentials for Indian beer brands," it said.

UBL also gave a snapshot of UTs operations over the past three years, noting that it has been making direct exports from India to Singapore, UAE and a few other countries alongside its licensing arrangements for brewing products in the United Kingdom (including supplies to European market), Australia, New Zealand and Nepal.

Speaking about the Indian market, it said that though growing, per capita beer consumption in India remains very low compared to other countries in the Asia Pacific region. Factors such as an ongoing shift from hard liquor to beer consumption would drive growth going forward. Also, beer consumption is increasingly becoming part of their social interactions. "Attitude towards alcohol consumption is evolving particularly amongst youth, working women and other urban population who are gaining an appetite for beer as social drinking has become a more adaptable lifestyle," it said.

"Except for the current financial year where sales and revenue may be adversely impacted due to the after-effect of this force majeure circumstance, the opportunities for beer growth would stay northbound," UBL added.

Reliance buys Future's retail biz for ₹24,713 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN yet another blockbuster deal, Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd on Saturday announced the acquisition of businesses of Kishore Biyani's Future Group for ₹24,713 crore to add to its fast expanding retail business and bolster e-commerce to take on the competition from Jeff Bezos' Amazon.

"Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL), subsidiary of Reliance Industries Ltd will acquire the retail and wholesale business and the logistics and warehousing business from the Future Group as going concerns on a slump sale basis for lumpsum aggregate consideration of ₹24,713 crore," the company said in a statement.

With this acquisition, Reliance Retail will now have access to close to 1,800 stores across Future Group's Big Bazaar, FBB, Easyday, Central, Foodhall formats, which are spread in over 420 cities.

"Pleased to provide a home to the renowned formats and brands of Future Group. We hope to continue the growth momentum of the retail industry with our unique model of active collaboration with small merchants and kiranas as well as large consumer brands. We are committed to continue providing value to our consumers across the country," Isha Ambani, Director, Reliance Retail.

The deal terms entail a merger of five listed units of Future Group across grocery, apparel, supply chain and the consumer business into Future Enterprises Ltd (FEL), which currently manages the group's retail back-end infrastructure.

DoppW takes a digital leap

In a digital initiative, under the leadership of Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, the team headed by Dr Kshatrapati Shivaji, Secretary, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW), has integrated the electronic Pension Payment Order (e-PPO) generated through Public Financial Management System with digi locker, for pensioners.

Business & Beyond

NLC India to build an ITI for ₹6.5 cr

NLC India Limited, a Navratna PSU, will set up an Industrial Training Institute (ITI) at Neyveli Township at an estimated cost of `6.5 crore for the benefit of the families affected by its projects and youngsters residing in surrounding villages. The objective is to provide practical skills which will enable them to obtain relevant jobs in industries. The existing NLC Middle School building and its premises in Block-12, Neyveli will be used for the ITI. The ground breaking ceremony has been done in the presence of R Vikraman, Director/HR, NLCIL.

Microsoft introduces Hindi and English (India)

Microsoft India has announced the addition of English (India) and Hindi to its Neural Text to Speech (Neural TTS) service language set. The two Indian languages are among the 15 new dialects added to the service enabled with state-of-the-art AI audio quality. Neural TTS is a part of the Azure Cognitive Services and converts text to lifelike speech for a more natural interface. "Our text-to-speech services have played a key role in democratizing information reach and empowering people and organizations. We will continue to drive further advancements in speech services to empower people wherever they are to access information easily," said Sundar Srinivasan, General Manager, Microsoft India (R&D) Pvt. Ltd.

NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam inks pact with Greenko Energies

NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd. (NVVN), a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC Limited has signed an MOU with Greenko Energies Pvt Ltd for exploring the possibility of entering into an arrangement for trading, collaboration and partnership in Integrated Renewable Energy Storage Projects set up by GREENKO to offer Round-the-Clock renewable energy power. With a total installed capacity of 62.9 GW, NTPC Group has 70 power stations along with 25 Subsidiary & JV Power Stations.

Kitchen Treasures launches health drink mix to boost immunity

Kitchen Treasures, Kerala's leading masala and spices brand, has launched the Golden Turmeric Health Drink Mix to help people boost their immunity. Synthite, the world's largest curcumin producer, has developed the product. The product is an ideal drink for the current situation to boost immunity. Actor Manju Warrier, who is also the brand ambassador, released the product via the social media handle of the company. The product comes in a 250g box priced at `249. As part of the introductory offer, it will be available at `199.

Gunners beat Reds to bag Community Shield

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang underlined his value to Arsenal with a superb goal and the winning spot-kick as the Gunners beat Liverpool 5-4 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in the Community Shield. Aubameyang put Mikel Arteta's side ahead in the first half at Wembley before Takumi Minamino equalised for Liverpool.

Now, 13 Covid-19 cases in CSK camp

2 players among infected, team under quarantine at least till Sep 6

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

ON a day when the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) revealed that there are 13 positive Covid-19 cases in the IPL, among those infected on Saturday include a second player from Chennai Super Kings. Overall, there are two players who are infected, who are likely to miss the start of the tournament as Chennai Super Kings have been placed under quarantine till September 6.

The development came soon after Chennai Super Kings CEO Kasi Viswanathan revealed that their mainstay Suresh Raina has returned to India because of personal reasons. It is understood that the batsman took the decision keeping in mind his family, which includes a newborn. Harbhajan Singh, who is currently in India attending to his mother who is ill, will land in Dubai on September 1 and will be subjected to quarantine.

Though around 10 had tested Covid-19 positive on Thursday, the local regulations — which mandates two negative results — meant the BCCI couldn't make it public. And on Saturday morning, soon after the remainder of the test results arrived, the BCCI confirmed the development without naming the franchise.

"Total of 1,988 RT-PCR Covid tests were carried out between August 20th to 28th across all participant groups in the UAE. These groups include players, support staff, team management, BCCI Staff, IPL Operational team, hotel and ground transport staff. 13 personnel have tested positive of which 2 are players," the BCCI said.

Royal Challengers Bangalore's Virat Kohli (L) during the team's practice session in Dubai on Friday. Kolkata Knight Riders and Mumbai Indians were allowed to train for an hour by the Abu Dhabi authorities with certain restrictions in place

A CSK official revealed that those who are infected have been moved to a different hotel and will undergo two weeks quarantine, following which they will have to produce two Covid-19 negative tests before being allowed to join the bio-secure bubble. As things stand, the BCCI officials maintained that there won't be any changes to the tournament as they have put in all the measures in place. Even the contacts of those who tested positive have also been kept under quarantine till September 6 and there will be tests every three days. These developments have forced the Super Kings camp to keep the players engaged as they believe the next couple of weeks will be tricky. Though they have not sought any outside help, the coaching staff led by Stephen Fleming, Mike Hussey and Lakshmipathy Balaji are keeping the players engaged via zoom calls. A franchise official said that interactive sessions are in place so that players don't feel aloof in their respective rooms. It is learnt that even food is being delivered to their rooms directly without any contact. "We are very, very careful. To be frank, we had done nearly 200 tests before we came to Dubai. The ball boys, ground-staff, security guards, drivers at MA Chidambaram Stadium were all tested and even after coming here, the first three tests showed negative. This is something beyond us," a top franchise official told this newspaper.

The franchise official also confirmed that Super Kings will not ask BCCI to change its schedule because of the development. Though the final schedule is yet to be made, Chennai were supposed to play the opener against Mumbai Indians on September 19. But whether that will happen now is not clear as Chennai will start training only by September 7.

Meanwhile, the overseas players who are yet to join the Super Kings camp are unlikely to be allowed to mix with them. Though there are fears that the development might make overseas players rethink before joining the IPL, the BCCI officials said nobody has raised any concerns as yet.

Shooter Manu Bhaker (L) with sports minister after sports awards ceremony; para athlete T Mariyappan shares the screen with President Ram Nath Kovind during the virtual function on Saturday | TWITTER

PRIZE MONEY BOOST FOR SPORTS AWARDS WINNERS

Sports minister announced an enhancement in the prize money in four of the seven categories of the awards. The prize for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award has been increased to ₹25 lakh from ₹1lakh, Arjuna Award has been enhanced to ₹15 lakh from ₹5 lakh, the Dronacharya (Lifetime) awardees, who were given ₹5 lakh will now be given ₹15 lakh, while Dronacharya (Regular) will be given ₹10 lakh instead of ₹5 lakh per awardee. Dhyanchand Awardees will be given ₹10 lakh instead of ₹5 lakh. Speaking about the decision, Rijiju said: "The prize money for the sports awards was last reviewed in 2008. These amounts should be reviewed once every 10 years at least..."

'Not paying attention to external noise'

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY
@ New Delhi

ON Saturday, India's top female paddler Manika Batra became the first table tennis player in the country to claim the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award. It was a proud moment for the Commonwealth Games gold medallist but prior to the awards ceremony, a lot of eyebrows were raised when her name appeared as one of the recipients of the award. This daily caught up with the Asian Games bronze medallist and the 25-year-old shed some light on her reactions post the announcement, why she feels her inclusion is justified and her training plans. Excerpts...

How does it feel to win the Khel Ratna, a couple of years after Arjuna Award? Did you expect to win?
It feels very special. I'm really happy that everybody is taking notice of the sport and so many paddlers are winning awards and I want to thank the government, TTFI, all my sponsors and all my fans for keeping me motivated. The award is a timely reminder to keep working hard and it has motivated me even more to achieve further for the country. Yes, I think I deserved the award because of my performances but I also know there is a lot more left to achieve and I promise to work harder than ever before as I know people will be expecting a lot more from me now.

Khel Ratna awardee Manika Batra

There was discontent when your name was announced. How did you deal with it?
Honestly, I have not been paying attention to what people were saying behind my back. You have to understand that I did not recommend my own name but the selection committee did. My job is to perform for the country and the rest will take care of itself. Ever since the announcement, I have been working extra hard at the India Khelega centre in Pune, In fact, I trained double yesterday (Friday) as I knew I would be missing a majority of the training scheduled for today!

The pressure on you to do well in the upcoming Olympics will now shoot through the roof. How do you plan to cope?
It is bound to increase but it is important to remember that all of us have performed well in recent years which has led to people expecting from table tennis players. I will adapt to this increased responsibility as it is a privilege. The majority of this year was unfortunately disrupted due to the pandemic and all I could concentrate was on fitness initially.

EXPRESS READ

Hyderabad FC coach Roca joins Barcelona

HYDERABAD: Indian Super League team Hyderabad FC on Saturday announced the parting of ways with head coach Albert Roca who will join struggling Spanish giants FC Barcelona as fitness coach. The 57-year-old Roca had taken charge of Hyderabad FC just a few couple of months ago in June.

An extraordinary coach who was loved by all

BENGALURU: "It (Rai's death) was a huge shock," former athlete Ashwini Nachappa says. "...extremely unfortunate that he is not anymore to collect the award he wanted for a long time." That was Ashwini's reaction to Purushotham Rai's passing away in Bengaluru on Friday. It was tragic for the entire Rai family, who would have loved to see his efforts being recognised with the Dronacharya award (lifetime category) in a virtual ceremony on Saturday. Rai trained some well-known athletes, including Ashwini, Rosa Kutty and many more. Ashwini believes Rai ignited that spark in her career. **Full story: newindianexpress.com**

Messi wants to go, Barca say no chance

BARCELONA: Barca is unwavering in its intention to keep Lionel Messi, who told the club that he wanted to leave. Spanish media say Messi has contacted the club to try to resolve the situation, but Barcelona confirmed that it will not negotiate.

Government of Karnataka
Public works Port and Inland Water Transport Department, Hassan
No. EE/PWD/HSN/JE-1/2020-21 DATED:28 .08.2020.

SHART TURM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 07 /2020-21, Dated: 28.08.2020

Tender is invited by the Public Works Ports and Inland Water Transport Department on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000, Standard Tender Document KW-4 from the eligible registered contractors of Karnataka PWD through E-procurement pertains to **3 Works in Hassan, Taluk.** The each tender amount is Rs.400.00 lakhs under PWD Hassan Division jurisdiction. Last date of Receipt of tender **is 21.10.2020**. For more details visit http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. or contact this office through Phone No. 08172-268437 or in person during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Hassan Division, Hassan.
ಮಾಹಿತಿಸಂಖ್ಯೆ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಕಾರ್ಯನಿ/ಎಂಹೆಎ/192/2020–21

GREATER WARANGAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
RFP Notice No.COMM/GWMC/CTN/01/2020-21, Dated: - 29-08-2020
N.W: Bio mining and Treatment of legacy waste located at the dumpsite in Rampur.

Start of Bid Download	-01-09-2020, 11.00 AM Onwards
Pre-Bid meeting	-07-09-2020 in O/o. Commissioner, GWMC at 11.00 AM
Response to Queries	-09-09-2020
Presentation of Initial Implementation and Operation Plan (IIOP)	-14-09-2020
End Date of Online and Physical Bid Submission	-23-09-2020 up to 4.00 PM
Technical Bid Opening	-23-09-2020 after 4.00 PM

Note: Further details can be seen @ "e" procurement market place @ **www.tender.telangana.gov.in**
Sd/- Commissioner, Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation
DIPR R.O. No. : 834-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2020-21

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
Head Office:10-152/1, Sri Sai Towers, Bandar Road Kanuru, Vijayawada-520007.
Tender No.PDS.3/32/NAWI/MDU/2020 Dated: 28.08.2020

TENDER NOTICE
APPOINTMENT OF MANUFACTURERS FOR SUPPLY OF DIGITAL NON AUTOMATIC WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AT THE DOOR STEP OF CARD HOLDERS UNDER PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM THROUGH AP E-PROCUREMENT PLATFORM

Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. invites Tenders for Appointment of Manufacturers for Supply of Digital Non Automatic Weighing Instruments to all the zones, across Andhra Pradesh State for distribution of Rice at the Door Step of Cardholders under Public Distribution System through AP e-Procurement platform.
All the interested Manufacturers in all over India may visit **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** and **www.apscscl.in** to view and download tender documents at free of cost. Interested tenderers to submit bids should be registered in website **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** and should obtain Digital Signature Certificates from any Certifying Authority in India. The details and procedure for obtaining Digital Signature Certificates are mentioned in the website **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** or contact the helpdesk of e-procurement platform, Phone Number: **08645-246370/71/72/73/74.**
Last date for registration and completion of formalities for the e-auction shall be up to **5:00 PM of 14.09.2020.**
Sd/- VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

Marketing Communication and Advertising Limited
(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
No. 42, MC&A House, Millers Road, Bengaluru - 560 052.
No.: MC&A/F&A/FD/05/2020-21 Date: 29.08.2020

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through e-procurement)

MC&A Ltd. invites tenders through e-Procurement portal as per KTPP Act, 1999 from reputed Nationalized Banks to quote competitive rate of Interest for investment of Company's surplus funds in Fixed Deposit. Documents can be accessed from e-Procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for submission of bids: **10.09.2020 up to 2.00 p.m.** Opening of Technical bid: **11.09.2020 at 2.30 p.m.** The management has the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereon.
Sd/- Managing Director

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No: SIMS/Store/BBEQUIP/17/2020-21/874 Date: 29/08/2020

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement)

SIMS invites tender for Blood Bank and Dhobi ghat Equipments for a period of one year to SIMS, Shimoga (reference No:SIMS/Store/BBEquip/17/2020-21/874 Date: 29/08/2020) Bid documents available are from 29/08/2020 to 08/09/2020. Last date for bid is submission: 08/09/2020. Opening of bid document is on 10/09/2020 at 10.30AM. The tenders can be obtained through e-procurement from the tendering website http://eproc. karnataka.gov.in. Aspiring bidders need to register on e-procurement portal. Further bidders can take assistance with e-procurement help desk at: 080-25501216, 25501227

Sd/- Director/Dean, Shivamogga Institute of Medical Sciences,Shimoga.
DIPR/smg/No.115/08/mca/2020-21

Government of India
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.
Post Bag no. 1. Yelwal, Mysore 571 130
Ph: 0821-2406879 Fax: 0821-240 3064.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Superintending Engineer, BARC, Mysore invites on behalf of the president of India, sealed item rate tenders from approved and eligible contractors of CPWD/PWD, Other Government Organizations having experience in works of 'Similar Nature' for the following works:

Tender Reference No.	BARC/MYS/AMD/CDK/NB/2020/WO-03
Name of work	AMC for Servicing of vertical storage systems at BARC Mysuru
Estimated Cost	Rs. 4,50,000/-
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 9000/-
Period of Completion	AMC for a year (3 servicing in an year)
Security Deposit	2.5 % of tendered value
Performance Guarantee	5% of tendered value
Cost of Tender Document	**Rs 500 (Non Refundable)**
Tender Sale Period	From 31.08.2020 to 14.09.2020 between 1100 Hrs & 1600 hrs
Due date & time for submission of Tender	14.09.2020 at 16.00 Hrs
Date & time for opening of Tender	14.09.2020 at 16.15 Hrs
Place for Tender Submission	Tender Box having identification No. 3 at Building No.2.
Place for Tender opening	O/o Pay and Accounts Officer, BARC, Building No. 2

1. Tender documents will be issued only in person and will not be issued by post or courier. A complete set of Tender documents in English will be issued against written request by authorized signatory on company letter head and as approved by the Engineer in Charge, Advanced Machines Division. Prospective bidder or his authorized representative shall bring photo identification like Passport, Voter's Identity Card, Driving License, Identity Card issued by the employer for entry into BARC premises for purchase of tender documents as well as their submission. Prior confirmation on phone (0821 – 2406879) shall have to be taken by the bidder so as to arrange entry to BARC and review of documents.
2. BARC reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or to allot parts of the work to different agencies without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

Superintending Engineer
For & on behalf of the President of India

TUMAKURU MACHINE TOOL PARK
(JOINT VENTURE OF GOI & GOK)
(CIN-U45207KA2017NPL099566)
49, East Wing, 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-01
Phone: 080-22288841/42/43, e-Mail: tmtp@kiadb.in Website: www.kiadb.in
No: TMTP/ENGG/ETND/EP-01/4253/2020-21 Date: 26.08.2020

SHORT-TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GoK e-Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tender under two cover system was invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from KPWD & KCEI Class-I Contractors (Electrical) who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the work of Providing LED Street lights to the roads of Tumakuru Machine Tool Park Industrial Area Layout in Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area, 3rd Phase, Tumakuru District. Last date for submission of bids is: **07.09.2020 up to 4:00 pm.** Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the e-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Chief Technical Officer, TMTP

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division, 1st Cross Road, 2nd H Main Road, Kasturinagara, Bangalore.
No.: BBMP/EE/CVR/E-Proc/07/2020-21 Date : 28-08-2020

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, (C.V. Ramannagara) invites tenders on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP, from eligible tenderers registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organisations for the Constructions of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Engaging Tractor and Gangmen for the Maintenance of **Ward No. 50.**	12.00	30,000/-
2.	Construction of Watchmen Shed at Vishveshwaraiah Park in **Ward No. 58.**	15.00	37,500/-
3.	Construction of Library Building at Hanumanthanagara Ambedkar Colony in **Ward No. 58.**	25.00	62,500/-
4.	Providing RO PLant (2 Nos) in **Ward No. 80.**	40.00	1,00,000/-
5.	Engaging of Gangman and Hiring of Tractors / Tippers for Maintenance of Road Side Drains and Other Civil Works in **Ward No. 80, Hoysala Nagar.**	12.00	30,000/-
6.	Providing and Fixing CC Camera at Various Points for Soild Waste Management at **Ward No. 80.**	30.00	60,000/-
7.	Installation of Plant in **Ward No. 88.**	15.00	37,500/-
8.	Improvements to Footpath and Fixing Grills to Airport Exit Road in **Ward No. 113.**	30.00	75,000/-

(1) The Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **05-09-2020.** (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-Procurement portal **On or before 4.00 pm 15-09-2020,** and the Opening of tenders will be as per e-Procurement portal guidelines. (3) Bids will be opened on the Website : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in the **Office of the Executive Engineer, C.V. Raman Nagara Division, BBMP, Bangalore on 16-09-2020 at 4.30 pm.** The Details regarding participation for this tender can be obtained by logging on to : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division
Pay Development Charges, Help to Develop Bengaluru

BRUHAT BANGALORE MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division, West Zone, Joint Commissioner (West) Office Premises, 2nd Floor, Sampige Road. Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020
No: EE/P-W/TEND/12/2020-21 Date: 28.08.2020

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Project Division, West Zone invites tenders on behalf of the Commissioner, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore from eligible tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Construction of Indoor Shuttle cock Court Balance Portion to Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Park in ward No. 107. Shivanagara.	51.50	1,03,000/-
2	Development of Parks and other Works at SC ST Area Valmikinagara in ward No. 140 Chamarajpete.	64.62	1,30,000/-

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GOK e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **01.09.2020 onwads. 2)** Last date & time for receipt of queries (through E-portal only) : **04.09.2020 upto 4.00 p.m. 3)** Date & Time for Pre bid meeting : **07.09.2020 at 4.00 p.m. 4)** Last date & time for receipt of Tenders : **11.09.2020 upto 4.00 p.m. 5)** Opening of Technical bids : **15.09.2020 at 4.30 p.m. 6)** Opening of Financial Bids : **18.09.2020 (if possible).** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Division, West Zone

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(VARAHI HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
e-Tender No.: KPCL/2020-21/IND3782 Date: 28.08.2020

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement platform)

Bids in two parts are invited through e-Procurement portal for **"Supply of Wire rope and Chain Pulley Blocks of various sizes to Varahi Hydro Electric Project, Hosangadi-576 282"** The details of NIT & tender document can be seen on website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The bids will be received through e-Procurement portal mode only. Last date for receipt of completed bids is **12.09.2020 up to 16.00 Hrs.** EMD **of Rs. 2,945/-** & Tender processing fee has to be made as per e-procurement Portal. Date of opening of Part-I (Pre-qualification & Technical Bid) is **14.09.2020 at 10.00 Hrs.** and date of opening of Part-II (Price Bid) of the qualified bidders is **15.09.2020 at 10.00 Hrs or on later date.** For Further details contact **Executive Engineer (MSP)H, VHEP, KPCL, Hosangadi-576282, Kundapur (T), Udupi(D), Karnataka. Phone/Mobile: +91-8259-288643, +91-9449598832, KPCL Website: www.karnatakapower.com https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Helpdesk: 080-25501216/ 25501227.**

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4.04 crore samples India has tested cumulatively up to Friday for the Covid-19 disease, according to the tally maintained by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

INDIA CASELOAD IS GOING RURAL

The frontlines of India's coronavirus battle have moved from cities to rural areas, which are reporting a growing proportion of the nation's caseload. This long-feared shift raises new challenges, as the medical and testing infrastructure in villages and towns is weaker. We begin this series on the explosion of infections primarily in rural areas by tracking the rising Covid-19 burden in six states between August 1 and 25

TESTING IN PUBLIC

A woman in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, gets tested at an iMASQ (Intelligent Monitoring Analysis Service Quarantine) bus on Saturday | PRASANT MADUGULA

Reverse migration leads to spike

Covid-19 is spreading rapidly in Karnataka's towns and villages. Reverse migration of people from big cities and increased testing may explain the spike in number of cases

SPREAD IN TOWNS

Shivamogga
Shikaripura
308 ● 1,191
Bhadravathi
200 ● 826
Sagar
68 ● 205
Vijayapura
Muddebihal Town
148 ● 554
Basavana Bagewadi
187 ● 555
Sindagi Town
165 ● 481
Udupi
Brahmavar village
28 ● 72

Villages report sharp increases

The Covid-19 shift to rural areas is less noticeable in Kerala, but some of the smaller villages and towns have reported a surge in recent weeks

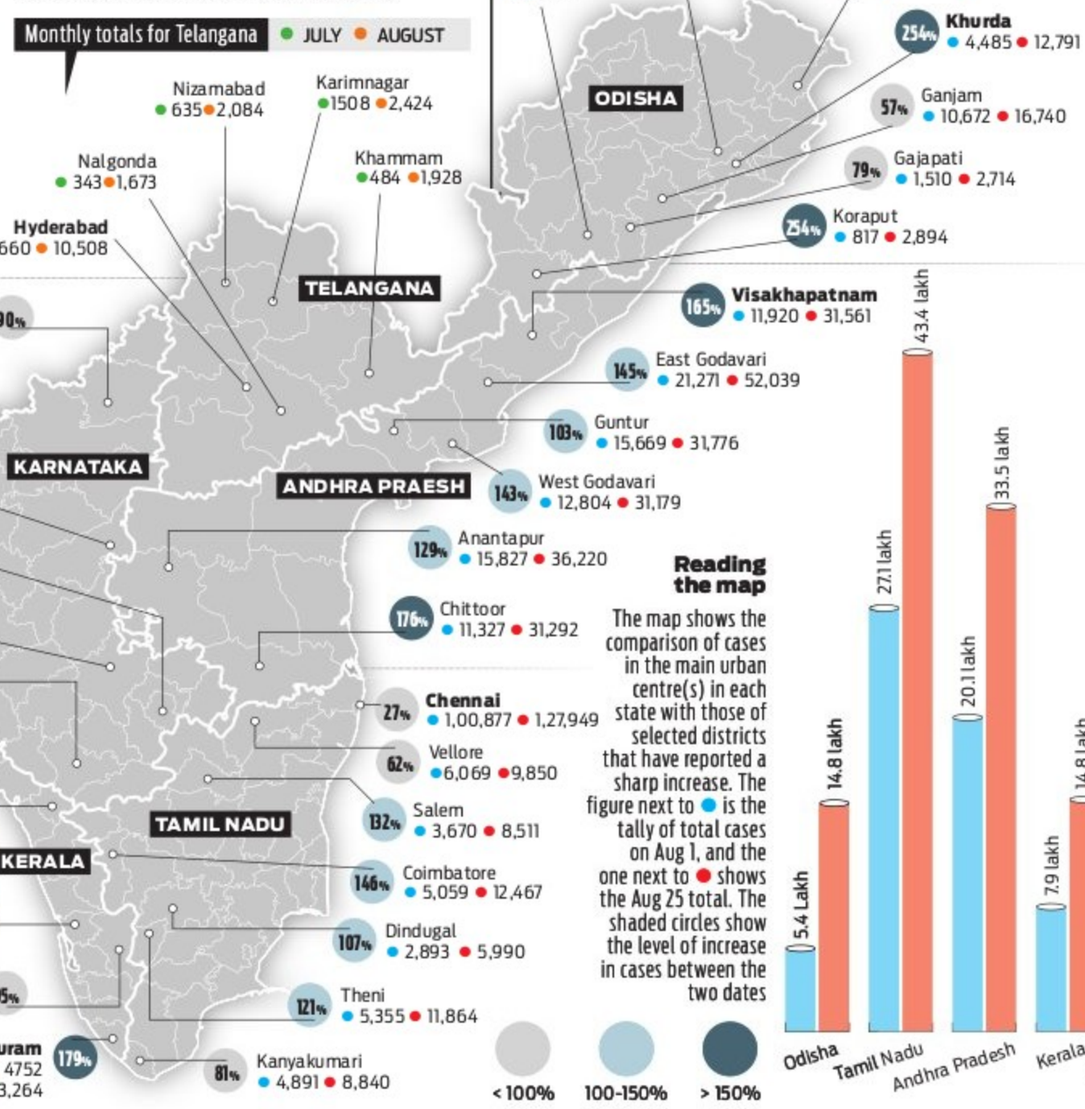
SPREAD IN TOWNS

Kottayam: Kottayam taluk ● 9 ● 284
Ernakulam: Nellikuzhi ● 0 ● 90
Alappuzha: Cherthala Taluk ● 29 ● 70
Palakkad: Mudhuthala ● 7 ● 60
Pathanamthitta: Pandalam-Kadackad ● 0 ● 75

79% of infections outside Hyderabad

After the Covid-19 crisis hit Telangana in March, the capital city Hyderabad witnessed an exponential rise in number of cases in the following months. However, after movement restrictions were eased in June, the number of Covid-19 cases started drastically increasing in areas outside the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits

The share of Covid-19 cases in the districts (rural areas and small municipalities) out of the total cases reported in the state sharply increased from June to August, while the number of cases stabilised inside GHMC limits. In June, Telangana recorded 13,508 Covid-19 cases but a majority of them, 11,080 cases (82%), were from inside GHMC limits. However, come August the scenario is completely different as of the 49,885 cases recorded in the state till August 26, only 10,508 cases (21%) are from inside GHMC limits


Monthly totals for Telangana
JULY
AUGUST
Nizamabad 635 2,084
Karimnagar 1508 2,424
Nalgonda 343 1,673
Khammam 484 1,928
Hyderabad 26,660 10,508
TELANGANA
Kalaburgi 5,529 10,545 90%
Belagavi 3,449 10,546 206%
Ballari 6,672 18,536 178%
KARNATAKA
Bengaluru 57,396 1,12,087 95%
Tumakuru 1,707 4,439 160%
Mysuru 4,582 13,929 204%
ANDHRA PRAESH
Visakhapatnam 11,920 31,561 165%
East Godavari 21,271 52,039 145%
Guntur 15,669 31,776 103%
West Godavari 12,804 31,179 143%
Anantapur 15,827 36,220 129%
Chittoor 11,327 31,292 176%
Chennai 1,00,877 1,27,949 27%
Vellore 6,069 9,850 62%
Salem 3,670 8,511 132%
TAMIL NADU
Coimbatore 5,059 12,467 146%
Dindugal 2,893 5,990 107%
Theni 5,355 11,864 121%
Kasaragod 1,795 4,191 132%
Wayanad 671 1,364 103%
KERALA
Ernakulam 1795 4191 162%
Idukki 818 1,597 95%
T'puram 4752 13,264 179%
Kanyakumari 4,891 8,840 81%
ODISHA
Rayagada 897 3,420 281%
Cuttack 2,125 6,168 190%
Balasore 1,000 3,077 208%
Khurda 4,485 12,791 254%
Ganjam 10,672 16,740 57%
Gajapati 1,510 2,714 79%
Koraput 817 2,894 254%
Reading the map
The map shows the comparison of cases in the main urban centre(s) in each state with those of selected districts that have reported a sharp increase. The figure next to ● is the tally of total cases on Aug 1, and the one next to ● shows the Aug 25 total. The shaded circles show the level of increase in cases between the two dates
< 100%
100-150%
> 150%

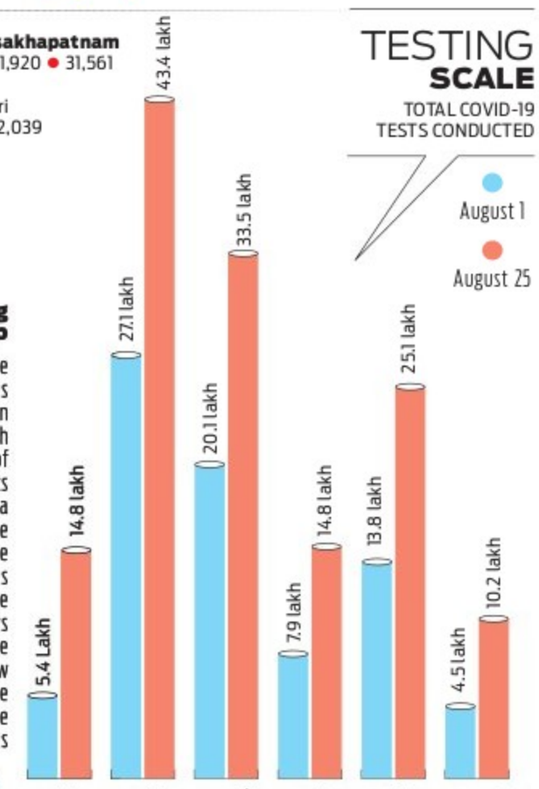
Odisha bucks the trend

With Covid-19 at its peak in Odisha, seven districts – Khurda, Cuttack, Ganjam, Sundargarh, Sambalpur, Puri and Balasore – accounted for 56% cases of the total tally of 90,986

Unlike in many other states, the trend on Odisha shows that most of the cases are confined to the urban localities. Even as the number of new patients falls in hard-hit Ganjam, cases continue to spike in other districts

In August, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack recorded 65.3% and 75.2% of the cases in Khurda and Cuttack districts, respectively. Of 8,261 cases in Bhubaneswar, 5,400 were registered till August 25 and of 3,653 cases in Cuttack city, 2747 cases reported

191 Covid-19 fatalities Ganjam has recorded, the highest in the state, followed by 67 in Khurda



FACT OF THE MATTER

Relieving stress in elephants

ANXIOUS ANIMALS

Scientists at Warsaw's zoo have been taking blood, saliva and other samples from the zoo's three elephants in recent days to prepare to test whether giving them hemp oil can reduce their stress. Dr. Agnieszka Czujkowska, a zoo veterinarian, said hemp oil, also known as CBD, or cannabidiol oil, has been shown to reduce anxiety and stress in other animals, including horses and dogs. The zoo's experts thought it made sense to see if could also help their animals, including giraffes and rhinos. They decided, however, to start their tests on their three African elephants, who have undergone a period of stress following the death in March of a fellow older female.

Zuckerberg slams Apple

APP STORE

Facebook Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg has slammed Apple for its App Store policy, saying it blocks innovation and allows the tech giant to "charge monopoly rents". Buzzfeed first reported that Zuckerberg told 50,000 employees in a webcast that Apple has a "unique stranglehold as a gatekeeper on what gets on phones." The Facebook chief executive officer added that App Store "blocks innovation, blocks competition" and "allows Apple to charge monopoly rents." "Now more than ever, we should have the option to help people understand where money they intend for small businesses actually goes," a Facebook spokesperson told FOX Business on Friday.

Musk shows off working brain implant

COMPUTER DISK

SAN FRANCISCO: Futurist entrepreneur Elon Musk late Friday demonstrated progress made by his Neuralink startup in meshing brains with computers, saying the work is essential to the future of humanity.

Musk has long contended that a neural lace merging minds with machines is vital if people are going to avoid being so outpaced by artificial intelligence that, under the best of circumstances, humans would be akin to "house cats."

"It's gonna be important from an existential threat standpoint," Musk said of the project.

"That is what I think might be the most important thing that a device like this achieves."

Members of the team shared a "wish list" that ranged from the technology returning mobility to the paralyzed and sight to the blind, to enabling telepathy and the uploading of memories for later reference -- or perhaps to be downloaded into replacement bodies.

"Yes, I think in the future you will be able to save and replay memories," Musk said.

"This is obviously sounding increasingly like a 'Black Mirror' episode, but I guess they are pretty good at predicting," he quipped, referring to a Netflix series that puts disturbing twists on near-future technology.

This video grab made from the online Neuralink livestream shows Elon Musk standing next to the surgical robot during his presentation | AFP

For now, Neuralink is being tested in pigs with the team working on the potential for clinical trials.

A trio of pigs in pens took part in the demonstration: one of them named Gertrude was said to have been implanted with a Neuralink device wired to detect spikes in nerve activity in her snout.

Gertrude happily focused on food, mostly ignoring Musk and others gathered for the event.

Musk said that since the first version of Neuralink was revealed slightly more than a year ago, the device has been simplified and reduced to about the size of a large coin and the thickness of the skull.

With the help of a surgical robot, a piece of the skull is replaced with a Neuralink disk, and its wispy wires are strategically inserted into the brain, the demonstration showed.

The disk registers nerve activity, relaying the information via common Bluetooth wireless signal to a device such as a smartphone, according to Musk.

"It actually fits quite nicely in your skull. It could be under your hair and you wouldn't know."

Breakthrough device

The purpose of the event was to attract engineering talent to the project, which has much work still to do on chips, software, robotics and more, according to Musk.

Experts and academics remain cautious about his vision of symbiotically merging minds with super-powered computing.

Brain-computer interfaces have been done many times, and it is difficult to tell how successful the Neuralink project will be, according to University of Warwick biomedical engineering professor Christopher James.

While technology has improved for reading information coming out of brains, it isn't up to snuff when it comes to sending it back to all the necessary parts simultaneously, according to researchers.

Moving arms or legs involves the brain sending them the proper signals, while hearing and seeing involve the brain receiving sensory information.

1st possible reinfection case in US

PART OF A TREND?

RENO: Nevada officials are reporting what may be the first documented case of coronavirus reinfection in the US, following similar reports earlier this week from Hong Kong and Europe.

A 25-year-old Reno man with mild COVID-19 symptoms initially was found to have the virus in April, recovered and tested negative twice, and then tested positive again in June. He was much sicker the second time, with pneumonia that required hospitalization and oxygen treatment.

Genetic tests from each episode showed that viruses were similar in major ways but differed in at least 12 spots that would be highly unlikely from natural evolution of the bug if the man had it continuously rather than being infected a second time, said Mark Pandori, director of the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory.

A parent the man lives with also tested positive in June, so it's possible he acquired a new infection in that way.

SILENT CARRIERS

Asymptomatic children with Covid-19 may shed coronavirus for weeks, says study

NO KIDDING

WASHINGTON: Children can shed the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19, even if they are asymptomatic, or for long after their symptoms have cleared, according to a new study which sheds more light on the significance of the pediatric population in the pandemic's spread.

The study, published in the journal JAMA Pediatrics, followed 91 children at 22 hospitals throughout South Korea, infected with the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, and found that they carried the viral genetic material RNA for a longer period than expected.

"Symptom screening fails to identify most COVID-19 cases in children, and SARS-CoV-2 RNA in children is detected for an unexpectedly long time," the researchers, including those from Seoul National University College of Medicine in South Korea, noted in the study.

In a commentary, published on the study, scientists, including Roberta L. DeBiasi from the The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences in the US, said children may play an important role in the COVID-19 transmission.

"To our knowledge, no prior studies have systematically focused on the frequency of asymptomatic infection in children or the duration of symptoms and viral shedding in both asymptomatic and symptomatic children," the researchers noted in the commentary.

According to the study, about 22 per cent never developed symptoms, 20 per cent were initially asymptomatic but developed symptoms later, and 58 per cent were symptomatic at their initial test.

Over the course of the research, the scientists said the hospitals where these children stayed continued to test them every three days on average, providing a picture of how long viral shedding continues over time. The findings revealed that the duration of symptoms varied widely, from three days to nearly three weeks.

The authors of the commentary noted that there was also a significant spread in how long children continued to shed virus and could be potentially infectious.

While the virus was detectable for an average of about two-and-a-half weeks in the entire group, a significant portion of the children -- about a fifth of the asymptomatic patients, and about half of the symptomatic ones – were still shedding virus at the three week mark, they said. The scientists cautioned that children -- a group widely thought to develop mostly mild disease that quickly passes -- can retain symptoms for weeks, and even asymptomatic kids continued to shed virus for a long time after initial testing, making them potential key in the transmission

However, despite these findings, the commentary noted that a qualitative "positive" or "negative" on testing platforms may not necessarily reflect infectivity.

They explained that some positives may indicate the presence of bits of genetic material that may not be able to make someone sick, or negatives reflecting low levels of virus that may still be infectious.

According to the scientists, testing reliability may be further limited by the testers.